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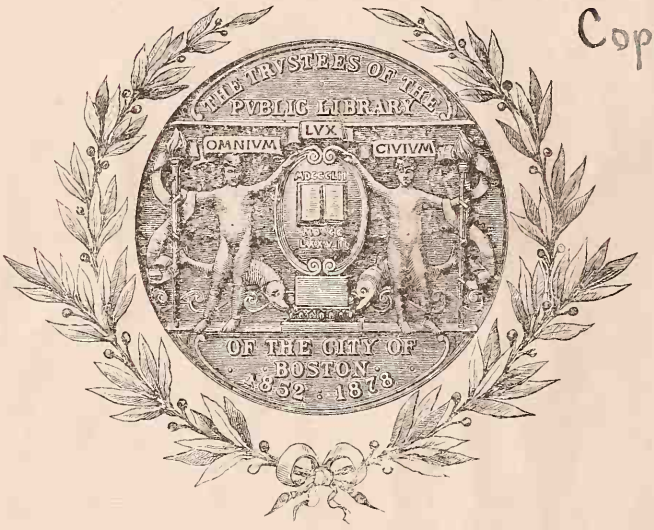

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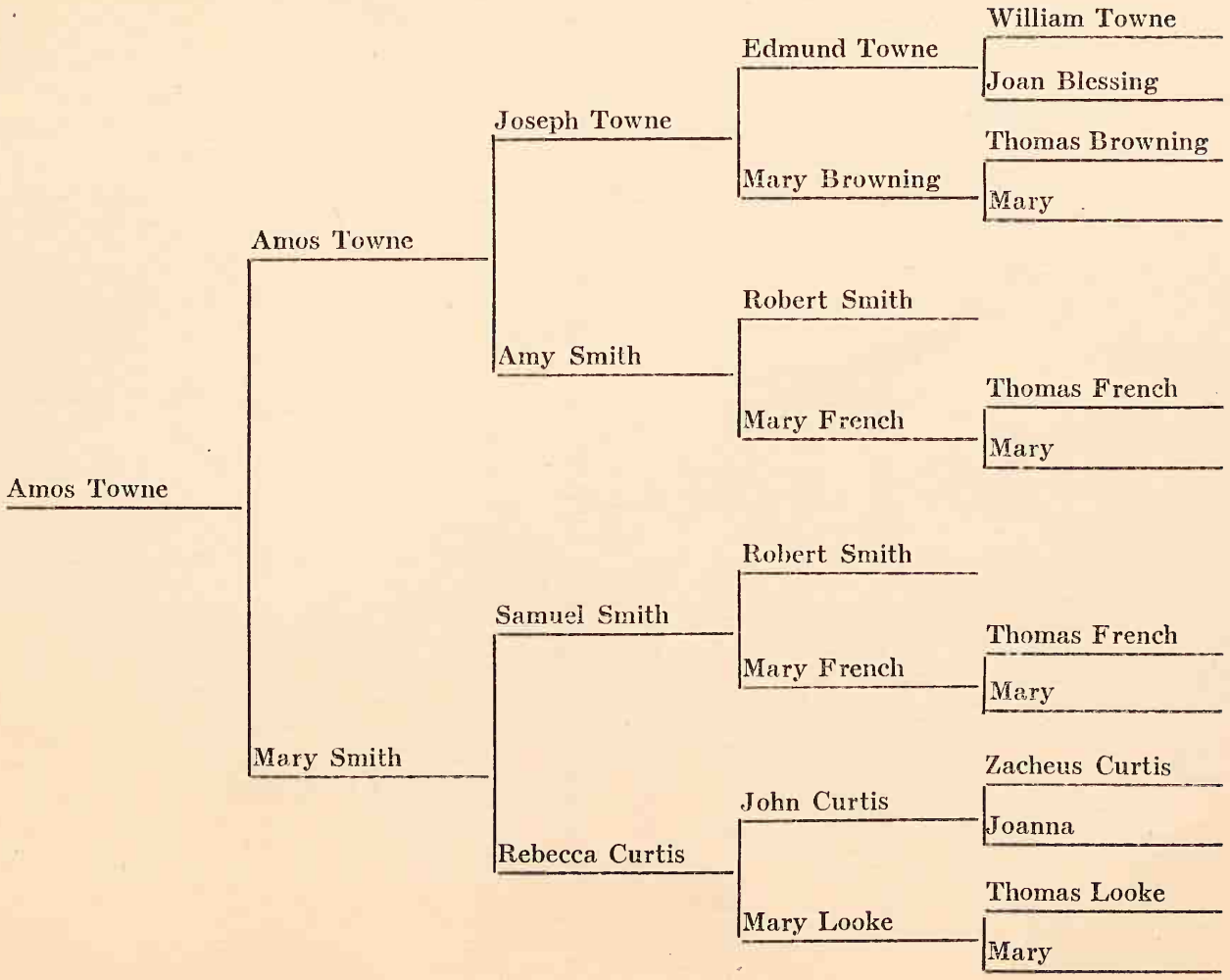
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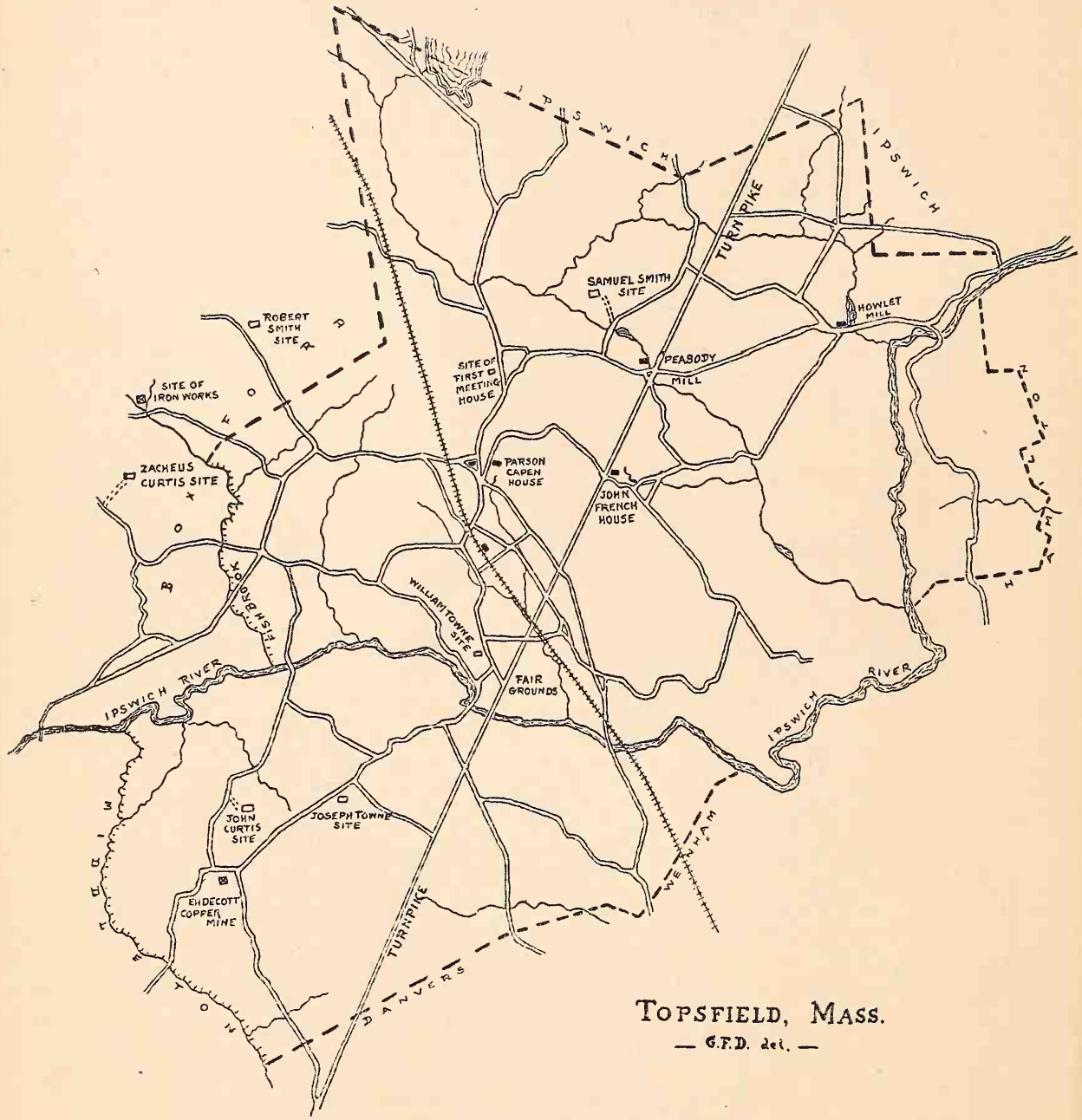

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THE ANCESTRY
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TOWNE

1. JOHN TOWNE. William Towne, the emigrant ancestor of the Towne family of Topsfield, was married and had six children baptized in the parish church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England. Towne's age was estimated in 1660 as "three score years," when he testified in a court proceeding,* which would indicate the approximate date of his birth as 1600. There can be no reasonable doubt, therefore, that he was that William, son of John and Elizabeth Towne, who was baptized at St. Nicholas' on March 18, 1598/9.

The only Towne entries in the Great Yarmouth register for this period are as follows:

> 1597 Aug. 28. Arthur, son of John and Alice Towne, bapt.
>
> 1598(9) March 18. William, son of John and Elizabeth Towne, bapt.
>
> 1600 Sept. 1. John Towne and Margaret Walden, married.

It is not uncommon to find the names Alice and Elizabeth used interchangeably, and it is therefore possible that Arthur and William had the same mother. The probate records for Norfolk, Feet of Fines and Chancery Proceedings yielding no additional facts, it can merely be stated in regard to John Towne that he married Elizabeth (or Alice) before 1597, had two sons, Arthur and William, born in 1597 and 1599, and, on the death of his wife, married Margaret Walden in 1600.† There are no further Towne items in the parish register until the marriage of William Towne in 1620.

* Records and Files of the County Courts of Essex County, Mass., IV : 205 — hereafter referred to as Records and Files, etc.

† Search made by Phillimore & Co., London, in 1923.

2. WILLIAM[2] TOWNE (*John*[1]) was baptized in the church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, on March 18, 1598/9. He was married to Jone (Joanna) Blessing on April 25, 1620, in the same church, where, between 1621 and 1634, their first six children were baptized. Inasmuch as the name Blessing has not been found after considerable search in the Norfolk County records at Norwich and as the marriage record of "Jone" is the unique instance of the name in the parish register at Yarmouth during the period searched (1558-1611), it would seem probable that she was a foreigner, many emigrants from Germany and the Low Countries having been attracted to Yarmouth by the herring fisheries in the sixteenth century. A general search for the name in records covering all England has been fruitless, and families named Blessing now living in the United States claim a German origin.

The first record of William Towne in America appears in the town book of Salem in 1640 when he was granted "a little neck of Land right over against his house on the other side of the river." In the same year he sued John Cook in what seems to have been a boundary dispute and obtained a verdict and costs. It is probable that Towne was in Salem some years before 1640, however. The list of grants by the town to that portion of its territory called the North Fields is undated and the best opinion seems to indicate that the grants were made before 1635, when the town records begin. William Towne's name appears on this list, and it was in the North Fields that he lived.

In 1651 Towne purchased land in the neighboring town of Topsfield from William Paine of Ipswich. This farm contained forty acres "part of which is plow land, another part is meaddow, another part is upland unplowed, all lying together," bounded by William Howard toward the east, Walter Roper on the north and a "Sertaine River" toward the south or southwest. There were also included two acres on the south side of the river.

He sold his Salem property to Henry Bullock in 1652 and bought additional land at Topsfield in 1656. In 1660 in testifying in a lawsuit his age was estimated at three score years.* He was made a commoner of Topsfield in 1661, and his wife was dismissed from the Salem church to that of Topsfield in 1664. On the occasion of the marriage of his son, Joseph, to Phebe Perkins, daughter of Deacon Thomas Perkins, in 1663, William Towne deeded two-thirds of his real property to Joseph, with whom he and his wife doubtless lived for the remainder of their days.

* Records and Files, etc., II : 205.

Joanna Towne figured in a series of suits brought by and against Rev. Thomas Gilbert, the Topsfield minister, in 1670. Gilbert, by his own testimony and that of his wife, was a sick man and he was doubtless of erratic temperament, but some of his principal parishioners laid his acts and eccentricities to overindulgence in drink, and the court seems to have considered their suspicions credible. Most of the evidence produced dealt with a dinner at the parsonage between two Sunday services at which Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert had Capt. John Gould, Mr. Thomas Perkins, and their wives, and old Mrs. Towne as their guests. A gold cup (surely a rare treasure in seventeenth-century New England) filled with wine was passed about the table and Mr. Gould alleged that Mr. Gilbert drank too freely therefrom. Joanna Towne (her age being given at seventy-five) testified that on Sunday Mr. Gilbert had administered the "sacrament swetly unto us" and that after the service "I was att dinner att M^{ter} Gilberts table . . . and sat next to him on his right hand, and though some report that he drank too much of the sacrament wyn . . . I believe he is wronged, for I that then sat next him saw no such matter . . . And I can saifly take my oath that though our minister had the cup twyce in his hand, yet the first tyme he drank not one drop of it, but gave it out of his hand to Thomas Perkins, bidding him give it to me, for I needed it mor than he, being older. When the cup had gone about, it came into his hand the second time and I am sure ther could not be much in it then (it may be two or three spoon-ful) and that he drank."*

At the June term of court, 1673, Joanna Towne was appointed to administer the estate of her late husband, which fixes the approximate date of William Towne's death. The property was probably retained by her until her death, and it was not divided until 1682, when Mary, widow of Edmund Towne, Jacob Towne, Joseph Towne, Francis Nourse, Mary Estey and Sarah Bridges addressed to the court "the Humbell peticion of us whos names are under wrighten in way of the seatellment of a small esteat left to us by our Honered ffather deceased about tenn yers agoo who died and leaft no will," and requested that the real estate be assigned to the sons and the personal property to the daughters.†

Children, the first six baptized in Great Yarmouth:—

i. Rebecca, bapt. Feb. 21, 1621; m. Francis Nourse of Salem; she was executed for witchcraft on July 19, 1692, having been acquitted on her first trial, but later rearrested and convicted, her

* Records and Files, etc., IV : 247, 369.
† Essex Probate, No. 27923.

attitude throughout demonstrating the highest nobility of character; Francis Nourse distributed his estate among their children in 1694, his sons being John, Samuel, Francis and Benjamin Nourse, and his sons-in-law Michael Bowden, Thomas Preston, John Tarbell and William Russell.*

ii. JOHN, bapt. Feb. 16, 1623/4; d. *s. p.*

iii. SUSANNAH, bapt. Oct. 20, 1625; d. *s. p.*

3. iv. EDMUND, bapt. June 28, 1628.

v. JACOB, bapt. March 11, 1632; husbandman; m. Catherine Symonds, daughter of John and Elizabeth Symonds of Salem, June 26, 1657; d. Nov. 27, 1704; his will, dated three days before his death, names his wife Catherine, sons Jacob, John and Edmund, and daughters Catherine Perkins, Deliverance Stiles and Ruth Towne.†

vi. MARY, bapt. Aug. 24, 1634; m. Isaac Estey, son of Jeffrey Estey of Salem; executed for witchcraft Sept. 22, 1692, her petition to the court being the outstanding note of high fortitude and understanding charity which has come down to us from Salem's black days; he d. in 1712 in Topsfield; his will, made March 26, 1709, mentions his sons Isaac, Joseph, John, Benjamin, Jacob and Joshua, and his daughters Sarah Ireland and Hannah Abbot.

vii. SARAH, bapt. Sept. 3, 1648, in Salem; m. (1) Edmund Bridges, son of Edmund and Alice Bridges, Jan. 11, 1659/60; he d. about 1682, and she m. (2) Peter Cloyes, son of John and Abigail Cloyes, as his second wife; accused of witchcraft in 1692, primarily because of her courageous protest against blackening of her sister's name by the Salem Village clergyman, Mr. Parris, but escaped execution; removed to Sudbury and d. before 1704, when Cloyes m. as his third wife Susanna Beers; he d. July 18, 1708.

viii. JOSEPH, bapt. Sept. 3, 1648, in Salem; m. Phebe Perkins, daughter of Thomas and Phebe (Gould) Perkins of Topsfield, about 1663, in which year his father conveyed to him a part of his house and land in Topsfield in view of the contemplated marriage; freeman March 22, 1690; d. 1713; administration granted to eldest son, Joseph, Feb. 21, 1714; his children yielded their rights in his household goods to their mother on May 27, 1715, the names signed to the instrument being Joseph, Sarah, Martha and Phoebe Towne, John Cummings (husband of Susannah Towne) and Thomas Nichols (husband of Joanna Towne).‡

3. SERGT. EDMUND[3] TOWNE (*William*[2], *John*[1]) was baptized in the church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, June 28, 1628. He came to New England when he was nine years old as an apprentice of Henry Skerry on the ship "Rose" which sailed from Great Yarmouth in 1637. Skerry settled in Salem.

Edmund Towne married Mary Browning, daughter of Thomas and Mary Browning, about the year 1652, when he was twenty-two and she fourteen years of age, and settled in Topsfield. He served on the trial jury of the County Court in 1655, was made a commoner in 1661, sat on the grand jury in 1663 and took the oath as freeman in 1664. He was appointed corporal of the Topsfield military company in June, 1666, and in 1675, during King Philip's War, he was one of the committee

* Essex Probate, 305 : 104.
† Essex Probate, 308 : 319.
‡ Essex Probate, 311 : 236, 270.

from the town which presented a petition to the General Court asking permission to form a military guard to protect the settlers at their work. He was a selectman in 1673, town constable in 1675, and tythingman in 1677, when he is called Sergeant Towne.*

Sergt. Towne died in 1678. He left no will, but his widow, Mary, proved a statement covering his "Intent and purpose," saying "The minde of the deceased was as is mine allsoe; and is consented too by all partys conscernd that the four sonns shall have all the Lands Equally devyded amongst them, And the rest of the estate to be Equally devyded amongst the 5 : garles only Sarah the second Daughter is already marryed and Hath rescieved to the vallue of twelve pounds already." Administration was granted to Mary Towne on 27: 4: 1678. The inventory, taken by Francis Peabody and Thomas Baker, lists real estate, exclusive of the Browning lands, worth £292, books worth £1, etc.†

Mary (Browning) Towne made her will February 1, 1709/10. She confirmed her gift of the land at Topsfield, over which she had power of disposal by the will of her father, to her four sons Thomas, William, Joseph and Samuel, left personal property to her five daughters Mary, Sarah, Abigail, Rebecca and Elizabeth, and appointed Joseph her executor. On the same date as the will, stating that "our mother Mrs. Mary Towne hath given to us her share of Land which did belong to our Grandfather Thomas Browning," the four sons divided this property and the large farm inherited from their father.‡ Mrs. Towne survived her son Joseph and her will was probated December 16, 1717, Thomas and William being appointed executors *c.t.a.* The inventory of personal belongings included a silver cup and spoon.§

Children, born in Topsfield: —

i. MARY; m. John[2] Prichard of Topsfield, son of William[1] Prichard of Brookfield, March 1, 1680/1, as his second wife; he d. Feb. 7, 1730/1, and she d. on the following March 5.

ii. THOMAS, b. about 1655; m. Sarah French, daughter of John and Phebe (Keyes) French of Topsfield, March 17, 1685; with Capt. Lothrop and the "flower of Essex" in 1675, and one of the few to escape the massacre at Bloody Brook; his will, dated Jan. 20 and proved March 7, 1719/20, mentions his wife Sarah, sons Edmund, Thomas and Richard, and daughters Experience, Sarah, Ednah and Mercy.¶

* Records and Files, etc., I : 397; III : 84, 137, 336.
† Probate Records of Essex County, III : 238.
‡ Essex Probate, 312 : 137.
§ Essex Probate, 312 : 136, 165.
¶ Essex Probate, 322 : 87.

iii. SARAH, b. April 26, 1657; m. Capt. John Howe before 1686 as his second wife; five children; she d. before 1706, when he made a prenuptial agreement with Mrs. Sarah Dennis.

iv. WILLIAM, b. March 13, 1659; m. (1) Eliza ———; m. (2) Margaret (———) Willard, widow of that John Willard who was executed in the witchcraft delusion of 1692, Aug. 22, 1694; his will, dated April 24, 1744, mentions his wife Margaret, son-in-law (step-son) John Willard, daughters-in-law (step-daughters) Hannah and Margaret Willard, sons Isaac and Jeremiah, daughters Lydia Fitts and Mary Towne;* he d. Jan. 30, 1749/50; widow Margaret Towne made her will Dec. 26, 1750, mentioning her son John Willard, granddaughter Mary Kenney, and daughters Mary Towne and Kezia Fitts, both of Sutton;† she d. Nov. 5, 1751.

v. A DAUGHTER; d. Sept. 7, 1661.

4. vi. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 2, 1661.

vii. A SON, b. and d. March 7, 1662/3.

viii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 6, 1664; m. (1) Jacob Peabody, son of Lieut. Francis and Mary (Foster) Peabody, Jan. 12, 1686; three children; he d. Nov. 24, 1689; m. (2) Thomas Perley, son of John Perley of Boxford, Jan. 14, 1695/6; five children; Perley was representative to the General Court in 1727; she d. Feb. 14, 1712.

ix. BENJAMIN, b. May 26, 1666; d. before 1678.

x. REBECCA, b. Feb. 2, 1668; m. (1) Philip Knight, son of Philip and Margery Knight of Topsfield, before Aug. 20, 1693; two children; he d. Aug. 19, 1696, and she was appointed to administer his estate March 22, 1696/7;‡ m. (2) Joseph Hutchinson of Salem, Jan. 30, 1701.

xi. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 2, 1669; m. Thomas Wilkins of Salem Dec. 19, 1694; he was of Boxford when he made his will on Nov. 28, 1726, mentioning his wife Elizabeth, sons Thomas, Hezekiah, Jonathan and David, and daughters Elizabeth Upton, Mary Upton, and Mercy Wilkins.§

xii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 11, 1673; m. Elizabeth Knight, daughter of Philip and Margery Knight of Topsfield, Oct. 20, 1696; d. May 22, 1714; administration granted to widow Elizabeth May 3, 1714, and estate divided between her and eldest son Samuel, son Philip, daughters Elizabeth and Rebecca;¶ she m. Elisha Perkins April 4, 1715.

4. JOSEPH[4] TOWNE (*Edmund*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Topsfield September 2, 1661. He married Amy Smith, daughter of Robert and Mary (French) Smith of Boxford, on August 10, 1687.

There were three contemporary Joseph Townes in Topsfield in the latter part of the seventeenth century, Joseph[3] being the eldest, Joseph[4] (*Edmund*[3]) being designated Joseph, Jr., and Joseph[4] (*Joseph*[3]) being called Joseph *third* or Corporal Joseph. "Joseph Towne Jr. the widows son" was elected surveyor of highways in 1691/2, and he served as selectman in 1694 and as constable in 1697.

Joseph Towne made his will on May 18, 1717, and it was proved on the following December 16. To his wife "Emmy" he

* Essex Probate, 329 : 154.
† Essex Probate, 330 : 277.
‡ Essex Probate, 305 : 132.
§ Essex Probate, 315 : 431-2.
¶ Essex Probate, 311 : 119, 234.

left his household furniture, a cow and one-third of his real

estate, and his son Daniel, who had the homestead, was to allow his mother a living-room and a chamber above it during her life. To his son Benjamin he left other real property, while the younger children, Nathan, Jesse, Nathaniel, Amos and Amy, received £30 apiece. Benjamin and Daniel were appointed executors, and the witnesses were William Towne, Jacob Towne and John Curtis.*

Amy (Smith) Towne survived until February 22, 1756, when she died in her eighty-eighth year.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

i. Joseph, bapt. May 30, 1703; d. before 1717, *s. p.*
ii. Benjamin, b. May 10, 1691; m. (1) Catherine Towne, daughter of Jacob[4] and Catherine (Symonds) Towne; m. (2) Susanna Wildes, daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Howlett) Wildes, April 12, 1722; m. (3) Mary Perkins May 2, 1738; m. (4) widow Mary Clark, April 15, 1761; a man of local prominence and wealth; d. Feb. 11, 1772.
iii. Nathan; m. (1) Phebe Curtis, daughter of John[2] and Mary (Looke) Curtis of Topsfield, Dec. 31, 1715; m. (2) Grace ———; will, dated July 15, 1761, mentions wife Grace, daughters Anna McIntire, Phebe Varnum and Catherine Curtis (deceased), and sons Joseph, Nathan, Jonathan, Asa and Aaron.†
iv. Daniel, b. Aug. 22, 1695; m. Dorothy Dorman Aug. 29, 1721, in Topsfield; eight children b. in Topsfield and Middleton.
5. v. Jesse, b. Dec. 5, 1697.
vi. Nathaniel, b. June 1, 1700; m. Jemima Perkins Aug. 27, 1723, in Topsfield; seven children.
vii. Amy, b. Feb. 3, 1704; m. William Hobbs of Salem Jan. 10, 1728.
6. viii. Amos, b. July 2, 1709.

5. Jesse[5] Towne (*Joseph*[4], *Edmund*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Topsfield December 5, 1697. He married Ruth ———. He moved to Arundel, Maine, where there was a Topsfield colony of considerable size, and was made a proprietor and freeman there in 1728. In 1740 he moved to the neighboring town of Wells, where he was active in the organization of the second parish (Kennebunk) in 1750, being a signer of the petition, an assessor and a member of the committee to treat with Rev. Daniel Little in that year. Ruth Towne was admitted to the church on June 7, 1751. Jesse Towne died before January 28, 1754, when the town meeting chose a constable "in room of Mr. Jesse Town late of Wells." His son Joseph was appointed to

* Essex Probate, 312 : 134.
† Essex Probate, 338 : 308.

administer his estate on May 21, 1754, but died before completing distribution. Thomas Towne, "eldest son" of Jesse, petitioned the court that Abner Perkins be appointed administrator in 1763, and division was ordered between Thomas Towne and the heirs of his brother Joseph.*

Children: —

i. JOSEPH; m. Rebecca Crediford, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Littlefield) Crediford of Arundel, int. Sept. 8, 1750, at Wells; admitted to full communion at second church of Wells April 7, 1754; d. before 1763; she d. Sept. 8, 1808, aged seventy-nine.

Children: —

1. *Ruth,* bapt. Aug. 31, 1751; d. unmarried.
2. *Esther,* bapt. March 18, 1753; m. Joseph Haley, son of Thomas and Abigail (Hill) Haley, Feb. 12, 1776; lived in Topsham.
3. *Jesse,* bapt. March 4, 1755.
4. *Jacob,* bapt. April 10, 1757; m. Sarah Lewis, daughter of John and Anna (Carr) Lewis, April 1, 1784; d. April 21, 1836; she d. Dec. 31, 1843, aged eighty-four.
5. *John,* bapt. April, 1759.
6. *Joseph,* b. Jan., 1760; m. Elizabeth Woodward; Revolutionary soldier; d. Aug. 19, 1841; six children.

ii. THOMAS; m. Abigail Crediford, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Littlefield) Crediford of Arundel, int. Nov. 3, 1752; lived in Wells second parish (Kennebunk) when he was admitted to the church May 12, 1754.

Children, bapt. in Wells second parish: —

1. *Mary,* bapt. May 12, 1754; m. William English, Jr., Dec. 26, 1779.
2. *Noah,* bapt. June 13, 1756; m. Ruth Burbank June 28, 1787, in Arundel; d. March 10, 1841.
3. *Josiah;* m. Elizabeth Wakefield April 11, 1784, in Arundel.
4. *Joseph,* bapt. July 6, 1760; m. Ruth ———; Revolutionary soldier; removed to Bowdoin where he was living in 1790; returned to Kennebunk before 1810 (tax list); d. Aug. 19, 1841; she d. Dec. 20, 1839.
5. *Thomas,* bapt. Nov. 1, 1765; m. (1) Susan Haley; m. (2) Margaret Douglas; d. in Gardiner in 1813.
6. *Israel,* bapt. Nov. 1, 1765; m. Ruth Niles; d. on journey to Ohio.

(?) iii. SARAH; Sarah Town of Wells m. Joshua Airs of Phillipstown Nov. 17, 1757; if she was a daughter of Jesse Towne she had received her full share of her father's property or had d. *s. p.* before 1763, as she is not mentioned in the division of his estate; Joshua Ayers was living in the Penobscot district in 1760, and left descendants there.†

6. AMOS[5] TOWNE (*Joseph*[4], *Edmund*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Topsfield July 2, 1709. He married his cousin, Mary

* York Probate, No. 19010.
† York Deeds, 35 : 254.

Smith, daughter of Samuel[2] and Rebecca (Curtis) Smith of Topsfield, May 30, 1732, and soon afterward joined his brother Jesse in Arundel, Maine. He was a farmer and shipmaster. His first house was built on a knoll a short distance in the woods on the Saco road, in the rear of the present poor-house.* It is an open cleared space of about two acres and the cellar is yet to be seen. According to the local historian he was a member of the expedition which captured Louisburg from the French in 1745, and in 1747 he was drowned while on his way to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, with reinforcements against the return of the French fleet under Duc d'Anville. A rumor was persistent in Arundel that the captain of the transport, to insure his own safety, secured the hatches after the vessel struck, leaving the soldiers to perish. Rev. Mr. Hovey's diary states, under the date of February 14, 1747, "heard the Averies, Amos Towne, Hues and Ensign Sampson were cast away at Mt. Desert . . . ; . . . who were going down with Capt. Perkins to Annapolis."

Mary (Smith) Towne was living in 1743.†

Children: —

i. SAMUEL; m. Hannah Wakefield, daughter of Nathaniel Wakefield, in the second parish of Wells, Sept. 22, 1756.

Children: —

1. *Huldah;* m. Stephen Webber, Jr., of Wells Sept. 2, 1777.
2. *Mary.*
3. *Samuel.*
4. *Hannah.*
5. *Amos,* b. May 9, 1772; m. (1) Sally Emery of Wells, int. Nov. 26, 1796; she d. Oct. 5, 1823; m. (2) Mary (Emery) Cousins, May 4, 1826; nine children.

7. ii. AMOS, b. Oct. 17, 1737.

iii. DANIEL, b. Oct. 28, 1742; m. Elizabeth Dorman, daughter of Lieut. Jesse and Elizabeth (Averill) Dorman, Aug. 22, 1771, in Arundel.

Children: —

1. *Daniel,* b. 1772; d. in infancy.
2. *Daniel,* b. Aug. 28, 1773.
3. *Eunice,* b. Oct. 16, 1775; m. Pierce Bickford Dec. 2, 1804.
4. *Elizabeth,* b. Aug. 20, 1777; d. in 1795.
5. *Sarah,* b. Feb. 6, 1780; m. Nicholas Huff Oct. 14, 1810.
6. *Samuel,* b. June 1, 1782.
7. *Mary,* b. March 30, 1784.
8. *Ruth,* b. Aug. 17, 1786; m. Nathaniel Lord of Parsonsfield July 12, 1812.
9. *William,* b. Nov. 2, 1788.
10. *Stephen,* b. April 17, 1791.
11. *Jedediah,* b. Oct. 24, 1793; m. Sarah Mitchell March 11, 1826.

* William S. Thompson of Kennebunk, 1905.
† York Deeds, 26 : 139.

12. *Amos*, b. Oct. 24, 1796.
13. *Edwin* (adopted), b. Oct. 27, 1804; m. Lydia Russell of Sanford April 12, 1828.

7. Lieut. Amos[6] Towne (*Amos*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Edmund*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Arundel October 17, 1737. He married Jane (Jenny) Smith, daughter of Capt. William Smith of Arundel, int. November 29, 1759, at Wells. In 1762 he is called a tailor and his wife's name is recorded as Jean.* He built a house on the old Saco road near that of his father-in-law, Capt. Smith, to the east of the so-called Towne-Smith graveyard, where the two families are buried.

Amos Towne saw lengthy service in the Revolutionary army. In 1775 he was with Col. Scamman's regiment at Cambridge, and in 1776 he was at Dorchester Heights as lieutenant in Capt. John Elden's company, Col. Lemuel Robinson's regiment, when the occupation of that location forced the evacuation of Boston by Lord Howe. On August 14, 1776, he was commissioned a second Lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Leighton's company, Col. Ebenezer Francis' regiment at Dorchester, and he was with this company on September 23 (return of officers). He was commissioned first lieutenant of Capt. William Smith's (4th) company of the 3d York County regiment of Mass. militia on December 14, 1779, and on April 21, 1780, he joined, as first lieutenant, Capt. Daniel Clark's company, Col. Joseph Prime's regiment, which was raised for the defence of Eastern Massachusetts. He was discharged December 8, 1780.

After the death of his first wife Lieut. Towne married Sarah Miller, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Lassell) Miller, November 16, 1784. He died in September, 1793. His son Robert Towne, mariner, was appointed administrator on June 24, 1794, with Robert Stone and William Smith as sureties, and his son Ezra and daughter Jane chose their brother Robert as their guardian. Jeremiah Miller was appointed guardian of all of the children who were under fourteen years of age — Alice, Lydia, Lucy, Joseph, Jeremiah, John and Susanna.†

Sarah (Miller) Towne married Capt. Daniel Merrill September 17, 1797, and had a daughter, Jane Merrill, born September 16, 1798. Mrs. Merrill died September 10, 1840, aged eighty-six (gravestone record).

Children, by first wife, born in Arundel: —

i. Capt. Robert, b. May 3, 1761; at the age of sixteen he served as a private in Capt. Abel Moulton's company, Col. Jonathan Titcomb's regiment, in Rhode Island, from May 19 to July 18, 1777;

* York Deeds, 40 : 54.
† York Probate, No. 18998.

drafted on July 1, 1778, and paid fine but was immediately drafted again for service in the Penobscot expedition; m. Mary Fairfield, daughter of John and Mary (Burbank) Fairfield, Oct. 28, 1784, in Arundel; purchased a house from Gideon Walker opposite Parson Moody's old parish church, at the time of his marriage; Jeffersonian Democrat; representative to General Court of Mass., 1802, and to the Maine legislature 1824; d. July 18, 1829; his wife d. Sept. 2, 1827.

Children:—

1. *Jane,* b. May 1, 1785; m. Brigadier General Simon Nowell, commander at Kittery in 1812, Nov. 28, 1804.
2. *Mary,* b. June 11, 1787; m. Abner Stone Nov. 1, 1812; d. March 12, 1862.
3. *Stephen,* b. Oct. 10, 1789; m. Mary Bradbury Dec. 10, 1817; postmaster of Kennebunkport for many years; d. March 7, 1827; she d. June 30, 1830.
4. *Clarissa,* b. July 5, 1792; m. Gen. Nowell, widower of her sister *Jane,* June 26, 1817.
5. *Robert,* b. April 13, 1794; m. (1) Augusta Perkins April 29, 1838; she d. Oct. 13, 1855; m. (2) Hannah Harvey June 21, 1865; d. May 2, 1867.
6. *Eliza,* b. May 24, 1796; m. Palmer Walker Nov. 9, 1819.
7. *Amos,* b. Oct. 14, 1798; d. at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Dec. 20, 1819.
8. *Salome,* b. April 16, 1801; m. Archelaus Symonds April 2, 1813; d. Nov. 6, 1845.
9. *William,* b. May 8, 1803; d. Feb. 5, 1831, unmarried.
10. *Almira,* b. March 27, 1806; m. Abner Stone, widower of her sister *Mary,* Sept. 11, 1855; he d. March 12, 1862.
11. *Hiram,* b. May 29, 1809; d. in Havana, Cuba, July 25, 1825.

ii. Amos, b. Feb. 6, 1763; d. March 6, 1763.

iii. Mary, b. April 16, 1764; m. Benjamin Gould Oct. 27, 1791; d. May 6, 1831.

iv. Amos, b. Jan. 14, 1766; m. Mary Littlefield; mariner; d. Nov. 22, 1794; his widow was appointed administratrix Nov. 7, 1796.*

Children:—

1. *Amos.*
2. *Eliza.*

v. Elizabeth, b. May 28, 1768; m. Ephraim Abbott March 28, 1793; d. Oct. 17, 1793.

vi. Daniel, b. Oct. 7, 1770; d. Oct., 1827, unmarried.

vii. Benjamin, b. June 3, 1773; d. July 29, 1823, unmarried.

viii. Jane, b. March 18, 1775; m. John Whitten Oct. 26, 1799.

Children:—

1. *Robert Whitten,* b. Oct. 19, 1800.
2. *Nathan Whitten,* b. July 8, 1803.
3. *Amos Whitten,* b. Feb. 20, 1806.
4. *John Whitten,* b. April 3, 1808.
5. *Jane Whitten,* b. Nov. 20, 1810.
6. *Elvira Whitten,* b. Sept. 22, 1813.
7. *Sarah Whitten,* b. March 22, 1816.
8. *Mary Whitten,* b. Nov. 22, 1821.

* York Probate, No. 19002.

ix. Capt. Jesse, b. March 5, 1777; m. Sarah Perkins, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Perkins, June 20, 1799; sea captain for thirty years; d. Dec. 25, 1823; she d. Dec. 5, 1847.

Children: —

1. *Daniel,* b. Aug. 5, 1800; m. Mary Hobbs of Wells Aug. 9, 1825; two children, Cynthia, wife of William A. Low, and Mary, wife of Capt. George W. Nowell.
2. *Hannah P.,* b. Nov. 22, 1801; d. March 27, 1889.
3. *Jane,* b. Sept. 10, 1803; d. March 30, 1833.
4. *Mary S.,* b. June 20, 1807; d. Jan. 9, 1847.
5. *Sarah P.,* b. Jan. 5, 1809; m. Mark Prime of Saco, int. Oct. 13, 1836; d. Feb. 18, 1893.
6. *Julia,* b. May 18, 1810; m. James S. Lath in 1847; d. Aug. 5, 1888.
7. *Jesse,* b. Feb. 22, 1813; d. in infancy.
8. *Olive P.,* b. April 25, 1814; m. George F. Ross of Kennebunk; d. March 10, 1896.
9. *Elizabeth A.,* b. June 9, 1816; m. Capt. Oliver Prescott, int. July 4, 1847; d. Sept. 16, 1881.
10. *Harriet N.,* b. Aug. 18, 1818; d. Feb. 27, 1840.

x. Capt. Ezra, b. Nov. 7, 1780; m. Betsey Whitten Oct. 9, 1806; sea captain; d. March, 1820; will, dated Feb. 21 and probated April 15, 1820, mentions his sons Ira, Oliver Perry and Ezra, his daughter Sarah Jane, John Taylor, Jr., being named as guardian of these children, and Olive Whitten "for her service in my family."*

Children: —

1. *Ira,* b. May 27, 1808; m. Elizabeth B. Kilgore in 1833; d. Dec. 19, 1870, at Morrison, Ill.
2. *Sarah Jane,* b. Oct. 18, 1809; m. John Hilton; d. Oct. 1, 1868.
3. *Simon,* b. Sept. 28, 1811.
4. *Oliver Perry,* b. Nov. 8, 1813; m. Mehitable L. Boston in 1844 at Holyoke, Mass., d. Jan. 8, 1857, near Madison, Wis.
5. *Ezra,* b. March 28, 1816.

xi. Alice, b. May 24, 1784; m. John Lord, son of John and Charity (Curtis) Lord, Dec. 28, 1809; he d. Dec. 12, 1870, aged eighty; on Jan. 8, 1872, their surviving children arranged for her support for the remainder of her life by her son Capt. Tobias Lord, to whom his brother and sisters conveyed their share in their father's farms;† she d. March 10, 1874, aged eighty-nine years, nine months.

Children: —

1. *Phebe N. Lord;* d. June 14, 1834, aged twenty-one.
2. *Eliza Lord;* m. ——— Morey and lived in Boston in 1872.
3. *Capt. Tobias Lord,* b. Aug. 1817; m. his cousin Cynthia Nason Aug. 15, 1848; d. in Kennebunk May 17, 1875; she d. July 1, 1901.
4. *Hannah Lord;* m. Edward Nason and lived in Pottawotamie County, Kansas, in 1872.
5. *Sarah Lord.*
6. *Mary Lord.*
7. *John F. Lord;* was at Mt. Bullion, Mariposa County, California, in 1872.

* York Probate, No. 19005.
† York Deeds, 328 : 245.

By second wife: —

xii. Lydia, b. June 7, 1785; m. Capt. Daniel Nason Dec. 2, 1802; d. Aug. 24, 1859; he d. Sept. 5, 1864.

Children: —

1. *Daniel Nason,* b. July 1803; m. Mehitable Downing Feb. 1, 1825; d. Nov. 15, 1849.
2. *Lucy Nason,* b. Aug. 21, 1805; m. Edward Gould Nov. 29, 1826; d. June 6, 1876.
3. *John Nason* (twin).
4. *Jeremiah Nason* (twin).
5. *Edward Nason.*
6. *Albert G. Nason;* m. Maria Howe Nov. 17, 1836; d. while master of the bark "Cactus" March 22, 1847.
7. *Lydia Nason,* b. March 12, 1816; m. Noah Nason; d. Oct., 1853.
8. *Oliver Smith Nason,* b. Nov. 15, 1818; m. (1) Isabel Emery Oct. 10, 1846; m. (2) Elizabeth Huff Oct. 30, 1855; m. (3) Mrs. Anne Mitchell Dec. 2, 1864; d. Jan. 8, 1886.
9. *Ivory Nason,* b. March 21, 1820; m. Nancy Irwin; d. in California in 1891.
10. *Joseph T. Nason,* b. Sept. 6, 1821; m. Susan Frost Aug. 22, 1852; d. Jan. 17, 1884.
11. *Cynthia Nason,* b. July 5, 1823; m. her cousin Capt. Tobias Lord Aug. 15, 1848.
12. *Albion K. Nason,* b. July 6, 1825; lost at sea March 12, 1843, in passage from Liverpool to New Orleans.
13. *Jane Nason,* b. July 26, 1827; m. Eben Tibbetts of Somersworth, N. H., Sept. 2, 1852; d. Sept. 22, 1897.

xiii. Susan, b. Aug. 14, 1786; m. (1) David Lord July 30, 1807; m. (2) John Bickford April 22, 1827; Bickford, describing himself as a merchant, of Kennebunkport, made his will June 24, 1835, and it was probated Aug. 1, 1836; legacies were left to his wife Susan, his daughter Lucy E. Bickford, his son John W. Bickford and the heirs of his daughter Phebe (by a former marriage);* he d. June 12, 1836, aged eighty-six (gravestone record); she d. May 16, 1867 (gravestone record at Cape Porpoise).

Children: —

1. *Mary Jane;* m. George Fletcher, int. Nov. 16, 1832; he d. Feb. 2, 1880, aged seventy-seven years, eleven months (gravestone at Cape Porpoise).
2. *Charles Lord,* b. 1817; lost at sea on bark "Isadora" Nov. 30, 1842; unmarried; gravestone memorial at Cape Porpoise.

By second husband: —

3. *Lucy E. Bickford;* m. Francis W. Goodwin.
4. *John W. Bickford.*

xiv. Joseph, b. Sept. 10, 1788; m. Mary Miller Aug. 2, 1812; d. in 1832, in the West Indies.

xv. Lucy, b. Feb. 9, 1790; m. Johnson Patten, son of James and Sarah (Stone) Patten of Arundel June 4, 1809; d. Oct. 17, 1862, in Saco.

xvi. Jeremiah, b. Oct. 26, 1791; d. in 1808.

xvii. John, b. April 9, 1793; d. in 1809.

* York Probate, No. 1130.

II

BROWNING, OF SALEM AND TOPSFIELD

BROWNING

1. Thomas Browning of Salem stated that his age was about seventy-three in the year 1660, hence his birth year may be given approximately as 1587. The date and circumstances of his emigration from England are unknown, but he is definitely found in Salem in 1636. His wife Mary, the mother of his four daughters, all of whom seem to have been born in Salem, must have been much younger than her husband, who, by his own calculation, was fifty when the first daughter was baptized, and their marriage probably took place immediately before his departure from England or soon after his arrival in Salem. Hints as to their possible connections among the Salem settlers are contained in the will of the widow Anne Scarlet who died in 1639. In addition to her three children, and her brothers Samuel and David in England (surnames not given), she mentions her sister Dennis, her brother James Hindes, her brother Joseph Grafton and her brother and sister Browning.* Hindes and Grafton were both Salem men, and it is interesting to note in this connection that Thomas Browning appointed Grafton an overseer of his own will in 1670.

Thomas Browning was made a freeman on April 17, 1637, and he was one of the makers of the Salem tax rate for the Colonial levy of August 1 in that same year. He had received forty acres in town grants in 1636, and from the schedule of the 1637 town grants, when he received sixty acres more, it appears that his family consisted of five persons at that time. In 1645 he was relieved of the duty of military training, but required to pay a yearly fee of ten shillings to the local company.†

Before 1657 the Brownings moved from Salem to Topsfield, although their Salem homestead was retained. In that year he was sued by the town of Topsfield for fencing in a meadow which proved to be town land, and cutting hay there for several years previously. He served on the Grand Jury in Ipswich in 1657. His name appears on the list of Topsfield commoners in 1661 and in the tax-lists of 1668 and 1669. He was dismissed from the Salem church to that of Topsfield on November 9, 1663.

Thomas Browning "of Salem" died early in 1671. His will follows:

* Essex County Probate, I : 28.
† Records and Files, etc., I : 90.

"The Last Will & teastiment of Thomas Browning of Salem being sicke in bodie yett of pfit understanding this 16th day of febewari: 1670 Imprimis I doe apoint my wife to bee my whole Exceutres And doe giue vnto my grandchild Thomas Towne twenty two pounds: which twelue pownds is in the hands of his father & ten pounds is in the hands of his Uncle Jacob Towne: to be paid to the sd Thomas Towne aforesaid when he come to be twentie & one yeares of Age:

"Itam I giue After my wifes deseace All my land and housing at topsfield, to my daughter towne her husband & my daughter Simons & her husband during their Lives And after their decease to be disposed by the two daughters abousd to Children of ther owne bodies Laufully begotton Itam to my daughter Willyams & daughter Meachum And there husbands All my Land & howsing at Salem, After my wifes deseace as aboue is Exprest And after there deseace to the Children Laufully begoten of there owne bodies as abouesaid, And If anie of my daughters should die without Issew: Then the estat to be deuided among The children of my daughters siruiuing And If my wife should dy without a will, then whatsoeuer is Left to be deuided betwin my fower daughters or there Chilldren."

Thomas (his £ mark) Browning.

Witness: Joseph Grafton, sr., George Gardner.

"Allsoe I desier my Louing freinds to see this my will performed As Mr Henry Bartholomew: & Georg Gardner & Joseph Grafton senr."

Proved in Salem court 28: 4m: 1671 by the witnesses.

Inventory of the estate of Thomas Browning, late deceased, in Salem: House & 80 acres of upland, About twenty Acers of medow In Topsfield, 160li.; cattle 70li.; A house & two Acer lott & fifeteene Acres of upland, & three Acers of medow in Salem, 160li.; A bed & bedstead, 10li.; six p of sheets, 5li.; pillebers & table lining, 2 1i.; wearong Clothes, 5li.; thre Chests & A box, 11i.; 1 small Table & 1 trundle bedstead & Chears, 15s.; puter, 30s.; spoones, siluer & tin, 20s.; A small wine cup, 5s.; 4 kettels & 1 pott, 21i.15s.; 1 skellet & 2 brass Candlesticks, 10s.; 1 spitt, tongs & fire shouels & a hakes & old Iron, 11i.10s.; warming pan & two bibles, 11i.6s.; 1 mare & 1 cow, 71i.; debts, 151i.; debts owing, 31i.

Attested 28: 4: 1671 by the widow.

The Salem property was divided between the two sons-in-law, Joseph Williams and Isaac Meacham, in 1675, Williams agreeing to pay Meacham twelve pounds on the death of Mary Browning, their mother-in-law, inasmuch as the house "in the town" fell to his lot.* Mary Browning was still living in this Salem house in 1682, when Joseph Williams died.

Children: —

i. MARY, bapt. Jan. 7, 1637/8; m. Edmund[2] Towne, son of William[1] and Joan (Blessing) Towne of Salem and Topsfield. (*See Towne.*)

ii. ELIZABETH; m. James[2] Symonds, son of John[1] and Elizabeth Symonds of Salem, Nov. 20, 1661; they were both dead in 1715, when their estate was divided among their children John, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, Joseph, Benjamin and Sarah and the representatives of Ruth and James.†

Children: —

1. *Mary Symonds,* b. Nov. 1, 1662; m. (1) Edward Norris Dec. 3, 1685; m. (2) ——— Starr; living in 1715.
2. *Ruth Symonds,* b. Feb. 19, 1663/4; m. Josiah Southwick; d. before 1715.
3. *John Symonds,* b. July 8, 1666; living in 1715.
4. *Elizabeth Symonds,* b. Oct., 1668; d. Dec., 1668.
5. *James Symonds,* b. Feb. 14, 1670; d. 1673.
6. *Elizabeth Symonds,* b. March 6, 1672/3; d. in infancy.
7. *James Symonds,* b. April 15, 1674; d. before 1715.
8. *Benjamin Symonds,* b. Jan. 7, 1674; d. in 1722, *s. p.*
9. *Thomas Symonds,* b. April 1, 1677, living in 1715.
10. *Elizabeth Symonds,* b. Sept. 29, 1679; d. unmarried March 23, 1757.
11. *Joseph Symonds,* b. March 20, 1681/2, living in 1715.
12. *Sarah Symonds,* b. Feb. 21, 1687/8; m. Samuel Stone; living in 1715.

iii. SARAH; m. Joseph[2] Williams, son of George[1] and Marie Williams of Salem, Nov. 20, 1661; he d. intestate before June, 1682, when his widow Sarah was appointed administratrix and presented an inventory; the surviving children were four sons, Joseph, Daniel, Benjamin and David, and two daughters, Sarah and Abigail.‡

Children: —

1. *Mary Williams,* b. 19: 6: 1662; d. before 1682.
2. *Joseph Williams,* b. Aug., 1663; d. Jan. 8, 1664/5.
3. *Joseph Williams,* b. March 17, 1664/5.
4. *Sarah Williams,* b. Oct. 28, 1666.
5. *George Williams,* b. 22: 12: 1669; d. before 1682.
6. *Daniel Williams,* b. 3: 11: 1671.
7. *Benjamin Williams,* b. 7: 10: 1673.
8. *Abigail Williams,* b. 7: 10: 1673.
9. *David Williams,* b. 7: 7: 1676.

iv. DEBORAH, bapt. Jan. 31, 1646/7; m. (1) John[3] Perkins, son of Thomas[2] and Phebe (Gould) Perkins of Topsfield Nov. 28, 1666; he d. May 19, 1668; she m. (2) Capt. Isaac Meacham, son of

* Records and Files, etc., VI : 118.
† Essex Probate, 311 : 136.
‡ Records and Files, etc., VIII : 339.

Jeremiah and Deborah (Brown) Meacham of Salem, Dec. 28, 1669; they moved from Salem to Enfield, Conn., about 1683; Meacham d. April 29, 1715.

Child, by first husband:—

1. *Thomas Perkins,* b. Nov. 4, 1667, in Topsfield.

Children, by second husband:—

2. *Deborah Meacham,* b. 15: 10: 1670, in Salem; d. 1671.
3. *Isaac Meacham,* b. 13: 9: 1672; m. Mary Root Dec. 10, 1700, in Enfield.
4. *Jeremiah Meacham,* b. 13: 9: 1674.
5. *Israel Meacham,* b. 18: 7: 1676.
6. *Ebenezer Meacham,* b. Feb. 21, 1677.
7. *Ichabod Meacham,* b. 11: 6: 1679.
8. *Deborah Meacham,* b. April 8, 1681; m. Daniel Marcum April 2, 1703.
9. *John Meacham,* b. June 11, 1682.
10. *Mary Meacham,* b. Jan. 12 (1683/4), at Enfield; m. Thomas[3] Jones, son of Benjamin[2] and Elizabeth (Wild) Jones, April 24, 1708.
11. *Joseph Meacham,* b. Feb. 18 (1685/6), at Enfield; Harvard College, 1710.
12. *Benjamin Meacham,* b. Sept. 25, 1687; d. April, 1692.

III

SMITH, OF BOXFORD

SMITH

1. Robert Smith, first of Ipswich and later of Rowley Village, testified in a civil suit in 1659 when his age was stated to be thirty-three. From the depositions in a previous lawsuit in 1655, in which he gives evidence concerning a circumstance of his voyage to New England, it would appear probable that he came from the vicinity of Boston, Lincolnshire, and that he made the voyage to New England as an apprentice of a Mr. Whittingham in 1638. According to the estimate of his age he was born in 1626 and would have been about twelve years old at the time of his emigration.*

An examination of the parish register of Boston discloses a Robert Smith baptized in 1626, but the burial records show that he died within a year. Experience in attempted identifications of English emigrants to America teaches that it is always unwise to leap at conclusions unsupported by very strong evidence, and this is particularly the case with a surname so common as Smith.

The 1659 deposition states that Robert Smith was living with Mrs. Tuttle, Simon Tuttle's mother, in Ipswich "eight or nine years ago." In 1652 he and Edmund Bridges were witnesses in an Ipswich suit.† He married Mary French, daughter of Thomas and Mary French of Ipswich, before March, 1656/7, when they both testified in the action brought by Henry Kemball against Thomas Smith *et al.*‡ Within a few years they moved to Rowley Village, then closely identified with Topsfield, and in 1673, when some of the inhabitants of the village attempted to throw its association toward Rowley, Robert Smith headed the petition to the General Court in opposition. The village eventually became the town of Boxford. Smith took the oath of allegiance in 1678. When Mr. Capen became the minister of Topsfield church in 1684, Robert Smith's wife was one of the members in full communion.

Robert Smith made his will on August 7, 1693, and it was probated on September 26. His property was left to his wife, Mary, his sons Samuel, Ephraim and Jacob, and his daughters Mary Towne, Phebe Towne, "Emey" Towne and "Meriah"

* Records and Files, etc., I : 381; II : 141.
† Records and Files, etc., I : 256.
‡ Records and Files, etc., I : 416.

Smith. His son Nathaniel, who was an invalid, was left in charge of his brother Samuel, and his son Thomas, who lived with "his grandfather ffrainch," received no legacy. Administration *cum testamento annexo* was granted to Samuel on October 3, 1698, his sureties being his brother Ephraim and his uncle John French. The property administered at this time was appraised by John French and John Gould at £189: 7: 3. From papers filed with the account of this administration it appears that Mary (French) Smith survived her husband twenty-six years, which would indicate that she died in 1719. A final division was made by Ephraim, Jacob and Samuel Smith in 1731, when it was stated that they had bought out the interests of their brothers and sisters.*

Children, born in Rowley Village: —

2. i. THOMAS, b. about 1656.
   ii. MARY, b. Oct. 28, 1658, at Ipswich; m. John[3] Towne, son of Jacob[2] and Catherine (Symonds) Towne, Feb. 2, 1680; they were living in Oxford, Suffolk County, in 1726 when they disposed of their rights in her father's estate to her brother Jacob Smith.†

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Mary Towne,* b. June 23, 1681.
2. *John Towne,* b. Nov. 25, 1682; d. Sept. 29, 1683.
3. *Israel Towne,* b. Nov. 18, 1684; m. Susanna Haven; Oxford.
4. *Esther Towne,* b. Dec. 13, 1686; m. Simon Mellen April 23, 1711.
5. *Ephraim Towne,* b. April 22, 1688; m. Sarah Kenney Dec. 31, 1719; Oxford.
6. *Jonathan Towne,* b. March 11, 1691; m. Catherine ———; Oxford.
7. *David Towne,* b. Oct. 22, 1693; Belchertown.
8. *Samuel Towne,* b. Jan. 25, 1695; Oxford.
9. *Edmund Towne,* b. May 7, 1699; Oxford.
10. *John Towne,* b. May 31, 1702; m. Lydia Hunkins March 6, 1728; Oxford.

iii. PHEBE, b. Aug. 26, 1661; m. Jacob[3] Towne, son of Jacob[2] and Catherine (Symonds) Towne, June 24, 1684; she d. Jan. 14, 1740; he d. Oct. 4, 1741.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Joshua Towne,* b. Nov. 13, 1684; m. (1) Angelique Page May 19, 1707; m. (2) Rebecca Johnson; d. June 11, 1762.
2. *John Towne,* b. Feb. 2, 1686; m. Abigail (Stanley) Towne, May 11, 1715.
3. *Abigail Towne,* b. Dec. 10, 1687; m. Timothy Ramsdell March 12, 1712.
4. *Catherine Towne,* b. Jan. 2, 1690; m. Benjamin Towne April 1, 1713.

* Essex Probate, No. 25729; 306 : 74, 114; 313 : 98; Essex Deeds, 65 : 243.
† Essex Deeds, 57 : 180.

5. *Jacob Towne,* b. about 1692; m. Louise Page May 28, 1719.
6. *Phebe Towne,* b. about 1694; m. John Gould June 23, 1715.
7. *Gideon Towne,* b. Feb. 4, 1696; m. Hannah Gould.
8. *Ruth Towne,* b. May 25, 1698; d. Aug. 1, 1739.
9. *Stephen Towne,* b. Nov. 2, 1700; m. Mary Butler Dec. 22, 1740.
10. *Jabez Towne,* b. June 15, 1704; m. Tryphemia Dwinell March 30, 1730.
11. *Elisha Towne,* b. Oct. 25, 1706; m. Sarah Rhodes Feb. 16, 1738.

3. iv. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 29, 1663.
4. v. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 26, 1666.
vi. AMY, b. Aug. 16, 1668; m. Joseph[3] Towne, son of Edmund[2] and Mary (Browning) Towne, Aug. 10, 1687 (*See Towne.*)
vii. SARAH, b. June 25, 1670; d. Aug. 28, 1673.
viii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 7, 1672; an invalid, who lived with his brother Samuel for twenty-four years after their father's death; d. about 1717.*
5. ix. JACOB, b. Jan. 29, 1674/5.
x. MARIAH, b. Dec. 18, 1677; m. Peter Shumway Feb. 11, 1700, in Topsfield; he was a son of Peter and Frances Shumway and was b. June 6, 1678; in 1713 they moved to Oxford where they were living in 1726 when they deeded their share of Robert Smith's estate to her brothers Jacob and Ephraim;† she d. Jan. 17, 1739, and he m. (2) Mary Dana Feb. 28, 1740.

Children:—

1. *Oliver Shumway,* b. May 10, 1702, in Topsfield.
2. *Jeremiah Shumway,* b. March 21, 1702/3.
3. *David Shumway,* b. Dec. 23, 1705.
4. *Mary Shumway,* bapt. May, 1708.
5. *John Shumway,* bapt. Aug. 16, 1710.
6. *Samuel Shumway,* bapt. April 22, 1711.
7. *Jacob Shumway,* b. March 10, 1717, in Oxford.
8. *Hepsibah Shumway,* b. April 1, 1720.
9. *Amos Shumway,* b. Jan. 31, 1722.

2. THOMAS[2] SMITH (*Robert*[1]) was born about 1657, as he states his age to be forty in a deposition taken in 1697. He was brought up by his grandfather French in Ipswich, and his father made no provision for him in his will for that reason. Twenty-five years after his father's death, on February 16, 1719, he quitclaimed any interest which he might have had as "eldest son of Mr. Robert Smith of Boxford" to his brothers, Ephraim, Samuel and Jacob.‡

Thomas Smith was an innkeeper in Ipswich, his house being opposite the green, on Meeting-house hill. He married Martha

* Essex Probate, No. 25729.
† Essex Deeds, 57 : 18.
‡ Essex Probate, 313 : 98.

——— about 1680. It is probable that they were the Thomas Smith and Martha Gilbert who were fined in the March term of the Quarterly Court, 1682.* He seems to have distributed his real estate to his sons some time before his death. His son John leased the house in which his parents were then living to them and the survivor of them by an instrument made on April 1, 1715.** Martha Smith had bought the land on which her son Ephraim's shop stood from him in 1713.*** In 1723 Thomas Smith of Ipswich, "tailor," and his wife Martha sold land in Ipswich, bounded by land of John and Ephraim Smith, to Aaron Potter, the shop which Ephraim had sold to his mother being mentioned in the deed.†

Thomas Smith, "innholder," died on February 25, 1725(6). His will, made November 22, 1725, and probated February 28, 1725/6, leaves one-third of his real and personal property to his wife Martha, states that his sons Thomas, John, Ebenezer and Ephraim (deceased) had received their shares of his property previously, and leaves the residue to his daughters Martha Urin, Mary Hodgkins and Abigail Gleasure.††

Martha Smith, widow of Thomas Smith, "taverner," died February 4, 1728(9). Her sons John and Ebenezer were granted administration on February 6, 1729(30).‡ They presented an account on November 22, 1735.‡‡

Children, born in Ipswich:—

i. THOMAS, son of Thomas and Martha, b. Jan. 24, 16(8-?); Thomas Smith 3d m. Martha Emmons Jan. 25, 1705;§ if he is the Thomas Smith, "wheelwright," who d. Aug. 29, 1729, aged fifty-two, his age is either over-estimated or his mother was not the Martha Gilbert of the 1682 court entry; administration on the estate of Thomas Smith, late of Ipswich, was granted to his widow Martha on Sept. 29, 1729,§§ and in her account she states that she had kept her mother-in-law two and a half years and had paid her funeral expenses;¶ she m. (2) James Davis, May 25, 1732.

Children:—

1. *George,* mentioned in the account of Martha Smith, as stated above; the name *George* gives rise to a suspicion that the chain of evidence is somewhere defective and that Martha, widow of Thomas Smith, who m. James

* Records and Files, etc., VIII : 275.
** Essex Deeds, 27 : 133.
*** Essex Deeds, 29 : 67.
† Essex Deeds, 42 : 116.
†† Essex Probate, No. 25785.
‡ Essex Probate, 318 : 40.
‡‡ Essex Probate, 316 : 471.
§ His father was probably Thomas, Sr., and Thomas, Jr., was either Thomas son of George Smith, or Thomas, son of John, who was b. in 1661. Thomas 4th, who was m. to Elizabeth Emmons in 1704, is stated in the record to be a son of John and is undoubtedly that Thomas, son of John, Jr., b. April 4, 1683.
§§ Essex Probate, 318 : 32.
¶ Essex Probate, 325 : 474-5.

Davis, was of the *George*[1], *Thomas*[2], family instead of the *Robert*[1], *Thomas*[2] line. In that case there were three contemporary Thomas and Martha Smiths in Ipswich — Thomas[2] and Martha (Gilbert?), Thomas[3] and Martha (Emmons) and Thomas and Martha (———) (finally Davis), and confusion becomes worse confounded.

2. *Martha,* bapt. 18: 1: 1711; here we are on firm ground as the child is stated to be a daughter of Thomas, son of Thomas.
3. *Ezekiel,* son of Thomas and Martha, bapt. 29: 6: 1714.

ii. SARAH, b. about 1686; d. Aug. 19, 1704, in her nineteenth year.

iii. JOHN; living in 1730 when he was joint-administrator of his mother's estate; the John Smiths of Ipswich equal the Thomas Smiths for possibility of complication and error, and the Ipswich antiquary, Augustine Caldwell, Esq., is my sole authority for the statement that this John is he who m. Elizabeth Burnham, int. Jan. 10, 1707/8.

Children, born in Ipswich: —

(?) 1. *Sarah,* daughter of John, d. April 23, 1714, in her fifth year.
(?) 2. *John,* son of John, d. April 6, 1714, aged eight months.
3. *John,* bapt. July 31, 1715.
4. *Benjamin,* bapt. 5: 11: 1717.
5. *Sarah,* bapt. Aug. 28, 1720.
6. *Susanna,* bapt. 23: 10: 1722.
7. *Abigail* (twin?), bapt. March 28, 1725; d. June 11, 1715.
8. *Ruth* (twin?) bapt. July 11, 1725.
9. *Thomas,* bapt. April 10, 1726; d. April 26, 1726.
10. *Ephraim,* bapt. May 28, 1727, his father called "shoemaker"; d. June 15, 1727.
11. *Esther,* bapt. Feb. 9, 1728.
12. *Mary,* bapt. Feb. 20, 1731.

iv. MARTHA; m. William Urin, son of Francis and Alice Urin of Ipswich, Dec. 29, 1706; she d. in Dec. 1748, and he m. (2) Ruth Wells, March 27, 1749; he d. Jan. 15, 1758.

Children, born in Ipswich: —

1. *Martha Urin,* b. 18: 9: 1709; m. Samuel Cressey Aug. 22, 1738.
2. *Mary Urin,* bapt. 20: 5: 1712.
3. *Francis Urin,* bapt. 8: 6: 1714; drowned April 7, 1737.
4. *Mary Urin,* bapt. 9: 7: 1716; d. Jan. 7, 1718.
5. *Thomas Urin,* bapt. 31: 6: 1718.
6. *Abigail Urin,* bapt. July 2, 1721; m. William Hodgkins, int. March 3, 1749.
7. *William Urin,* bapt. July 7, 1723; d. Aug. 10, 1723.
8. *Anna Urin,* bapt. Feb. 20, 1725.

v. EBENEZER, b. July 31, 1690; tailor; m. (1) Mary Perkins, daughter of William and Esther Perkins of Topsfield, int. Oct. 9, 1714; she d. July 31, 1728, and he m. (2) Thankful (Howland) Emerson, July 2, 1729; he d. Feb. 25, 1758; his widow m. Ebenezer Stanwood, peruke-maker, April 15, 1760.

Children, by first wife, bapt. in Ipswich: —

1. *Gilbert,* bapt. 15: 2: 1716: d. April 19, 1716.

2. *Mary,* bapt. 8: 12: 1718; d. March 23, 1718.
3. *Sarah,* bapt. Feb. 5, 1720.
4. *Hannah,* bapt. 9: 10: 1722.
5. *Elizabeth,* bapt. Oct. 10, 1724; d. Oct. 24, 1724.
6. *Elizabeth,* bapt. Oct. 10, 1725.
7. *Ebenezer,* bapt. July 6, 1728; d. Oct. 19, 1728.

Children, by second wife, bapt. in Ipswich: —

8. *Gilbert,* bapt. June 27, 1731.
9. *James,* bapt. Feb. 24, 1733.
10. *Ebenezer,* bapt. May 15, 1737.
11. *Thankful,* bapt. July 22, 1739; d. in infancy.
12. *Abigail,* bapt. Dec. 6, 1741.
13. *Henry,* bapt. Sept. 30, 1744.
14. *Thankful,* bapt. Nov. 11, 1747.

vi. Ephriam, b. Aug. 12, 1692; m. Mary ———; saddle-maker; d. Sept. 3, 1720, aged twenty-eight; his widow appointed administratrix of his estate Feb. 9, 1720/1; she m. Matthew Perkins, Jr., Jan. 14, 1720/1.

Children, bapt. in Ipswich: —

1. *Martha,* bapt. Jan. 23, 1714.
2. *Sarah,* bapt. 20: 11: 1716.
3. *Mary,* bapt. Oct. 25, 1719.

vii. Mary, b. Sept. 10, 1694; m. (1) Aquila Chase of Newbury, int. May 31, 1712; he d. March 17, 1713/4, in his twenty-sixth year; she m. (2) Solomon Hodgkins, int. Jan. 21, 1715.

Child, by first husband: —

1. *Mary Chase,* bapt. 25: 2: 1714; d. March 10, 1714/5.

Children, by second husband: —

2. *Mary Hodgkins,* bapt. 9: 14: 1717.
3. *Abigail Hodgkins,* bapt. Aug. 20, 1720.
4. *Mehitable Hodgkins,* bapt. Feb. 25, 1721/2; d. Sept. 2, 1723.
5. *Solomon Hodgkins,* bapt. April 12, 1724.
6. *Mehitable Hodgkins,* bapt. July 17, 1726.
7. *Aquila Hodgkins,* bapt. Oct. 5, 1729; d. April 24, 1730.
8. *Ephraim Hodgkins,* bapt. Oct. 21, 1733.

viii. Abigail; m. Benjamin Glazier, int. Dec. 2, 1721; d. his widow Feb. 1, 1772.

Children, bapt. in Ipswich: —

1. *Benjamin Glazier,* bapt. Oct. 7, 1722; d. Oct. 26, 1722.
2. *Sarah Glazier,* bapt. Nov. 22, 1724.
3. *Abigail Glazier,* bapt. May 21, 1727.
4. *Lucy Glazier* (twin), bapt. May 7, 1732; d. Sept. 6, 1732.
5. *Elizabeth Glazier* (twin), bapt. May 7, 1732.
6. *Benjamin Glazier,* bapt. Oct. 27, 1734; m. Mary Fuller Feb. 1, 1759.
7. *John Glazier,* bapt. July 24, 1737; m. Mrs. Sarah Fuller, int. Jan. 26, 1760.

3. EPHRAIM[2] SMITH (*Robert*[1]) was born in Rowley Village October 29, 1663. He married Mary Ramsdell, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Perkins) Ramsdell of Boxford and granddaughter of Rev. William Perkins of Topsfield, September 6, 1694. Smith served for seventeen weeks in the expedition organized by Sir Edmund Andros against the French and the Penobscot Indians in 1688, and Boxford voted to pay him six

shillings a week for this service on March 1, 1689/90. In 1732 he deeded land in Boxford to his son John who had given him five years' service after he came of age.* Neither his death nor that of his wife is recorded, nor is any settlement of his estate entered in the probate office.

Children, born in Boxford: —

i. MARY, bapt. Sept. 1, 1695, in Topsfield; m. Thomas Dempsey Aug. 14, 1721, in Topsfield.
ii. ELIZABETH (twin), b. March 1, 169(7).
iii. HANNAH (twin), b. March 1, 169(7); m. Israel Tricker in Ipswich in 1725.
iv. EPHRAIM, b. Jan. 30, 169(8); m. (1) Mary Perkins of Andover in Wenham Dec. 30, 1725; cabinet-maker, Shrewsbury, 1732; land laid out to him there in 1745; m. (2) Hannah Rice Aug. 16, 1733; d. before 1786; widow and children deeded land which he bought of his brother Nathan in Shrewsbury to his son Daniel's son Lewis in 1786;† his widow m. Jedediah Tucker in 1790.

Child, by first wife: —

1. *Mary,* bapt. June 8, 1729, in Topsfield; m. ——— Carryl; two sons in Killingley, Conn., in 1786; m. (2) Daniel Hemenway Aug. 1, 1770; Barre.

Children, by second wife: —

2. *Daniel,* b. 1733; m. Lucy Howe Jan. 19, 1758.
3. *Ephraim,* b. June 22, 1736; d. young.
4. *Aaron,* b. June 22, 1736; m. Dinah Wheeler, Aug. 4, 1757; d. May 9, 1825.
5. *Moses,* b. Jan. 25, 1739; m. Lydia Smith May 30, 1760; Templeton and Barre.
6. *William,* b. Jan. 30, 1742; Oakham.
7. *Asa,* b. Oct. 5, 1744; m. Elizabeth Wheeler July 3, 1764.
8. *Elizabeth,* b. Feb. 17, 1748; m. Thomas Johnson Sept. 24, 1771; Templeton.

v. LYDIA, b. Sept. 8, 169(9); m. Jonathan Gould, son of Samuel and Margaret (Stone) Gould, int. May 3, 1730; lived in Lunenburg in

* Essex Deeds, 83 : 216.
† Middlesex Deeds, 118 : 376.

1730, and in 1747 in Shirley, where she d. Sept. 28, 1758; he d. Oct. 7, 1758.

Children:—

1. *Jonathan Gould,* b. July 24, 1731.
2. *Lydia Gould,* b. Dec. 21, 1732.
3. *Mary Gould,* b. Jan. 1, 1735.
4. *Margaret Gould,* b. April 16, 1737.
5. *Samuel Gould,* bapt. Dec. 23, 1739.
6. *Zaccheus Gould,* bapt. April 25, 1742.
7. *Daniel Gould,* bapt. May 27, 1744.

vi. PRISCILLA, b. Aug. 14, 1702; m. Robert Grage of Rowley March 30, 1738 (int. Dec. 12, 1731); as Robert Creig his previous marriage to Hannah Spofford was recorded in Bradford Dec. 4, 1735, and her death as wife of Robert Crague appears in Boxford on Jan. 2, 1737/8.

vii. HEPSIBAH, b. March 25, 170(4).

viii. JOHN, b. Nov. 18, 170(6); m. (1) Hannah Peabody Oct. 25, 1733; inherited his father's property in 1732; lived in Janes Road, Boxford; probably m. (2) widow Deborah Gage of Methuen Dec. 2, 1760.

Children:—

1. *Hannah,* bapt. Oct. 13, 1734; m. Isaac Estey Sept. 2, 1755.
2. *Stephen,* b. March 15, 1736/7.
3. *Hepsibah,* b. Sept. 27, 1739; m. Joseph Brown, Jr., Dec. 19, 1761.
4. *John,* bapt. Aug., 1742.
5. *Mary,* bapt. Dec. 2, 1744.
6. *Asa,* b. Nov. 5, 1746; m. Mary Coffeen, Nov. 8, 1765, in Topsfield; m. (2) Abigail Towne Oct. 13, 1767.

ix. SARAH, bapt. Nov., 1708; m. Nathaniel Spofford, son of Jonathan and Jemima (Freethe) Spofford, of Rowley, Oct. 31, 1734.

Children:—

1. *Apphia Spofford,* b. Jan. 12, 1734.
2. *Jerusha Spofford,* b. 1736; d. July 5, 1739.
3. *Jonathan Spofford,* b. May 28, 1740.
4. *Jerusha Spofford,* b. May 17, 1742.
5. *Jacob Spofford,* b. Jan. 24, 1744.
6. *Martha Spofford,* b. Oct. 25, 1745.
7. *Nathaniel Spofford,* bapt. Aug. 18, 1751.

x. NATHAN, bapt. July 1, 1710; m. (1) Rebecca Bixby at Haverhill Aug. 26, 1737; moved to Shirley about 1750; bought land in Shirley 1750, residence then Leominster;* in 1755 he sold this land to his brother Ephraim Smith of Shrewsbury;† his wife Rebecca d. in Shirley Feb. 12, 1784, and he m. (2) Mary (Simonds) Jupp, int. April 23, 1785; she d., his widow, Dec. 14, 1826.

* Middlesex Deeds, 60 : 253.
† Middlesex Deeds, 60 : 254.

Children: —

1. *Nathan,* bapt. Oct., 1742, in Boxford; m. Ruth Moors of Boylston July 1, 1762; Revolutionary soldier; d. Nov. 16, 1835.
2. *Sylvanus,* bapt. Dec., 1745, in Leominster; m. Agnes Moors of Boylston; Lieut. in Revolution; Society of the Cincinnati; d. 1831.
3. *Ephraim*; m. Hannah Gordon; 2nd Lieutenant in Revolution.
4. *Ezra,* b. May 29, 1755, at Shirley; m. Mrs. Abigail Bolton; Revolutionary soldier; d. June 3, 1793.
5. *Anna,* b. May 13, 1757; m. William Reed of Chesterfield, N. H.
6. *Daniel,* b. Oct. 31, 1762.
7. *Priscilla;* m. Jonathan Farwell of Harvard.

xi. DANIEL, bapt. Aug. 31, 1712.

xii. ABIJAH, bapt. Oct. 24, 1714; m. Lydia Rogers, daughter of Rev. John and Susanna (Marston) Rogers, July 22, 1740, in Boxford; they settled in Leominster, where her brother was the minister, immediately after their marriage; she was perhaps the widow Smith who d. Oct. 29, 1810, aged eighty-four.

Children, born in Leominster: —

1. *Abijah,* b. Oct. 29, 1740.
2. *Rogers,* b. Jan. 6, 1742.
3. *Asa,* b. Aug. 6, 1743.
4. *Silas,* b. March 18, 1745; d. April 8, 1753.
5. *Eli,* b. Jan. 18, 1747.
6. *Manassah,* b. Dec. 14, 1748; Harvard College, 1773; d. May 21, 1823, at Wiscasset, Maine.
7. *Lydia,* b. Feb. 9, 1752.
8. *Lucy,* b. Dec. 30, 1754.
9. *Silas,* b. Nov. 22, 1758.
10. *Theresa,* b. April 7, 1760.
11. *Apphia,* b. Dec. 29, 1762; d. Feb. 14, 1763.

4. SAMUEL[2] SMITH* (*Robert*[1]) was born January 26, 1666,

* Samuel[2] Smith has been confused with a contemporary Samuel[2] Smith, son of William[1] Smith, who seems to have lived over the Ipswich border from Topsfield but who was an attendant at the Topsfield church, where his children were baptized. The short and irregular intervals between the baptismal records of sons and daughters of "Samuel Smith" makes the conclusion necessary that there were two Samuel Smiths connected with Topsfield in the early years of the eighteenth century, and the fact that Solomon[3] (*Samuel*[2], *William*[1]) is definitely proved to have been living when Samuel[2] (*Robert*[1]) made his will, mentioning no son Solomon, makes their separate identities certain. The William Smith family works out briefly as follows:

1. WILLIAM SMITH of Topsfield married Rebecca Keyes (Keas) on July 6, 1657. She was a sister of the wife of John[2] French, whose sister was the wife of Robert[1] Smith. There is no definite evidence of relationship between William and Robert Smith, but this connection by marriage is suggestive. His age was estimated as forty in 1674, so that the approximate date of his birth is 1634. He was a commoner of Topsfield in 1661, corporal of the foot company in 1666, constable in 1679, 1680, 1683 and 1684, tythingman in 1681, and on the county jury of trials in 1682. Apparently Corporal Smith and his family lived in the Topsfield parsonage, under a lease from the town. In 1686 Smith requested that the bounds of the parsonage land be renewed, and in 1692, after his father's death, William Smith, Jr., in behalf of his mother and brother Joseph, requested the town to acquit them of the lease of the parsonage, but with permission for widow Smith to occupy the house until the next Michaelmas.

Rebecca (Keyes) Smith married Daniel Kilham of Wenham March 29, 1693, in Topsfield. She died Sept. 7, 1696, in Wenham (her name incorrectly recorded as *Mary*).

Children: —

i. WILLIAM, b. July 17, 1658; m. Martha ———; purchased thirty acres in Topsfield from Joseph Estey, which he sold to Rev. Joseph Capen, together with a house thereon, in 1697 (Essex Deeds, 8 : 43; 13 : 43); carpenter; his will, made Nov. 15, 1715, and probated Dec. 26, 1715, mentions his wife Martha, son William and

in Rowley Village. He was the administrator of his father's estate in 1698, and his widowed mother and invalid brother Nathaniel lived with him in Topsfield. He married Rebecca Curtis, daughter of Sergeant John and Mary (Looke) Curtis of Topsfield, January 25, 1707/8. He was a carpenter by trade, and took a small part in town affairs, serving as tything-

man in 1727, fenceviewer in 1730, and constable in 1733. In 1731, correctly stating his age to be sixty-five, he testified as to matters in Topsfield fifty-eight years before.* He died on July 12, 1748. His will, dated March 6, 1747/8, was probated August 22, 1748. He left his property to his wife Rebecca, his sons Samuel and Robert, and his daughters who are not specifically named.† Rebecca Smith died in Topsfield March 13, 1753.

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daughter Martha, and appoints his neighbors Jacob Perley and David Wood overseers (Essex Probate, 311 : 335).

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Penelope,* b. Aug. 13, 1687.
2. *Rebecca,* bapt. Dec. 22, 1689.
3. *Martha,* bapt. April 26, 1691.
4. *William,* b. Aug. 24, 1694.

ii. Rebecka, b. March 3, 1662/3.
iii. Joseph, b. June 28, 1665; living in 1691/2.
iv. Benjamin, b. Jan. 5, 1667/8.
v. Solomon, b. March 3, 1669/70.
2. vi. Samuel, b. April 6, 1672.
vii. Sarah, b. July 10, 1674; m. Jonathan Bixby of Boxford Feb. 2, 1692/3.
viii. Mary, b. July 3, 1680.

2. Samuel[2] Smith (*William*[1]) was born in Topsfield April 6, 1672. He married Phebe Dow Jan. 16, 1694/5.

Children, births and baptisms recorded in Topsfield: —

i. Phebe, b. Oct. 21, 1695.
ii. Mary, b. Sept. 12, 1695.
iii. Samuel, b. April 2, 1701.
iv. Susanna, b. March 16, 1702/3.
v. Solomon, b. April 13, 1705; m. Elizabeth Dike Feb. 15, 1727, in Ipswich; lieutenant; d. March 31, 1780, aged seventy-five; widow Elizabeth d. Sept. 19, 1786, aged seventy-eight.

Children, born in Ipswich: —

1. *Joseph,* b. Nov., 1728.
3. *A child.*
2. *Solomon,* bapt. May, 1731.
4. *Reuben,* bapt. 5:8:1735.

} Four children buried in February, 1736.

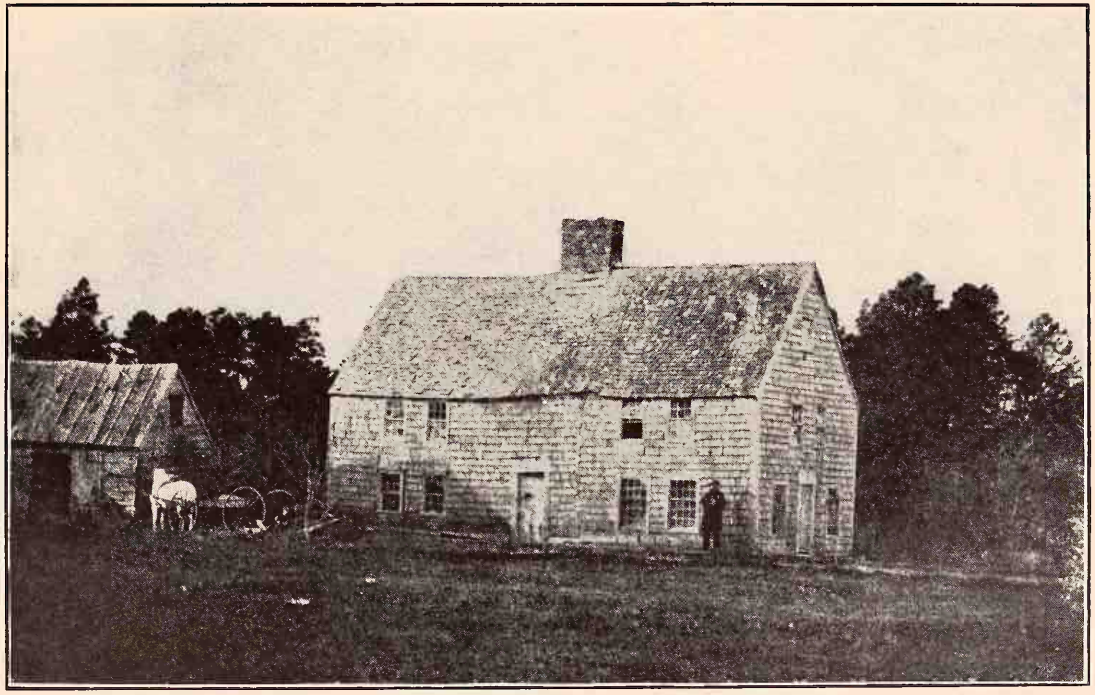
5. *Joseph,* bapt. Jan. 22, 1737/8.
6. *Reuben,* bapt. July 4, 1742.

vi. Joseph, b. Dec. 31, 1707.
vii. Elizabeth, bapt. Nov. or Dec., 1708.
viii. John, bapt. April 15, 1711.
ix. Mercy, bapt. April 15, 1711.
x. Margaret, bapt. June 3, 1711.

} Possibly triplets.

xi. Abigail, bapt. Aug 30, 1713.
xii. Rebecca (*Priscilla* in bapt. record), b. Oct. 1, 1715; bapt. Oct. 2, 1715; possibly that Rebecca Smith who m. John Robinson Aug. 28, 1733.

* Essex Deeds, 61 : 269.
† Essex Probate, 328 : 115.



DORMAN-SMITH HOUSE

Built by Thomas Dorman about 1690.
Home of Samuel[2] and Samuel[3] Smith.
(No longer standing.)

Children, born in Topsfield: —

i. PHEBE, b. Jan. 8, 1708/9.
ii. MARY, b. Aug. 14, 1711; m. Amos[4] Towne, her cousin, son of Joseph[3] and Amy (Smith) Towne, May 10, 1732. (*See Towne.*)
6. iii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 24, 1714.
iv. REBECCA, bapt. May, 1718; m. John Balch, son of David and Hannah (Perkins) Balch, June 17, 1740; he was a tanner and currier of considerable estate; he d. Dec. 31, 1774, and she survived until March 1, 1794.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *David Balch,* b. Jan. 4, 1740/1.
2. *John Balch,* b. March 26, 1742.
3. *Samuel Balch,* b. March 20, 1743/4.
4. *Robert Balch,* bapt. July 28, 1745.
5. *Hannah Balch,* bapt. March 29, 1747.
6. *Cornelius Balch,* b. Nov. 26, 1749.
7. *William Balch,* b. 1752.
8. *Roger Balch,* b. May 26, 1755.
9. *Rebecca Balch,* b. March 27, 1758.

v. ELIZABETH, b. July 8, 1718; m. her cousin Eleazer Gould, son of Zaccheus and Elizabeth (Curtis) Gould, April 17, 1740, in Topsfield; he was on the Ticonderoga and Crown Point expedition in 1758; she d. March 27, 1753, and he m. Phebe Gould, daughter of John and Phebe (Towne) Gould of Boxford, Feb. 25, 1755; he d. about 1795 in Douglas.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Eleazer Gould,* b. Sept. 23, 1740.
2. *Elizabeth Gould,* b. Nov. 12, 1742.
3. *Zacheus Gould,* b. Feb. 5, 1743/4.
4. *John Gould,* b. March 5, 1745/6.
5. *Huldah Gould,* b. Aug. 1, 1748.
6. *Elizabeth Gould,* b. Sept. 22, 1749.
7. *Rebecca Gould,* b. Dec. 31, 1752.

vi. HEPSIBAH, b. May 12, 1722; m. William Gallop, son of Thomas and Love (Rogers) (Curtis) Gallop, July 11, 1745, in Topsfield; she d. Nov. 15, 1774; he m. (2) Jemima Towne Dec. 6, 1781; she d. Dec. 8, 1804, aged eighty-three; he d. Sept. 29, 1805, aged eighty-four.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Susanna Gallop,* b. Oct. 7, 1745; d. May 20, 1828.
2. *Rebecca Gallop,* b. Feb. 5, 1747; d. Dec. 14, 1801.
3. *Hepsibah Gallop,* b. Oct. 23, 1748.
4. *William Gallop,* b. Oct. 12, 1750.
5. *Mary Gallop,* b. Aug. 26, 1752.
6. *Love Gallop,* b. July 29, 1754.
7. *Elizabeth Gallop,* b. Feb. 28, 1756; d. Nov. 20, 1774.
8. *Amos Gallop,* b. Nov. 8, 1758; d. Dec. 21, 1834.
9. *Enos Gallop,* b. Oct. 14, 1761; m. Ruth Kenney, int. Oct. 28, 1781.

7. vii. ROBERT, b. April 25, 1724.
viii. SUSANNA, b. May 2, 1726; d. May 5, 1741.
ix. HANNAH, b. April 5, 1729; m. John Peabody Jan. 20, 1757, in Topsfield; she d. Aug. 17, 1764, "about middle age"; he m. (2) Lucy

Perkins, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Borman) Perkins Aug. 24, 1768; he d. Jan. 29, 1802, and his widow d. Feb. 9, 1825, aged ninety.

Children: —

1. *Hannah Peabody,* b. Oct. 6, 1757.
2. *Mehitable Peabody,* bapt. March 11, 1759; d. May 5, 1759.
3. *John Peabody,* b. July 11, 1762; d. June 22, 1836.
4. *Mehitable Peabody,* b. Aug. 7, 1764.

5. JACOB[2] SMITH (*Robert*[1]) was born January 29, 1674/5, in Rowley Village, the record being entered in Topsfield. He married Rebecca Symonds, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Andrews) Symonds of Boxford about 1707. He was a carpenter by trade. His will dated December 8, 1748, and proved

March 4, 1750/1, leaves a considerable estate to his wife Rebecca, his sons Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Nathaniel, and his daughters Rebecca Dorman and Kezia Hall. Nathaniel received all of his land and buildings in Boxford and Topsfield, his marsh in Ipswich, his out-of-door moveables, his cooper's tools and "warlike accoutrements."* No further record of Rebecca (Symonds) Smith is found.

Children, born in Boxford: —

i. REBECCA, b. Jan. 30, 1707/8; m. John Dorman, son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Dorman of Boxford, Jan. 28, 1729/30; he d. Feb. 5, 1775; she d. in 1794.

Children, born in Boxford: —

1. *Timothy Dorman,* b. Dec. 23, 1730.
2. *Rebecca Dorman,* b. Oct. 26, 1732.
3. *John Dorman,* b. July 12, 1735; d. Oct. 22, 1737.
4. *John Dorman,* b. Oct. 2, 1738.
5. *Elizabeth Dorman,* bapt. May 24, 1741.

ii. JACOB, b. Oct. 20, 1709; living in 1748.
iii. JOSEPH, b. May 23, 1713; living in 1749.
iv. KEZIA, b. April 30, 1716; m. (1) Jacob Baker Aug. 5, 1736, in Boxford; he was probably the son of Thomas and Mary (Annable) Baker of Ipswich bapt. 28: 9: 1714; she m. (2) Abner Hale, son of Joseph and Mary (Watson) Hale, Nov. 28, 1738.

Children, born in Boxford:—

1. *Ruth Hale,* b. Dec. 31, 1739; m. Abner Curtis June 29, 1758.

* Essex Probate, No. 25557.

2. *Moses Hale,* b. June 5, 1742; m. Ruth Foster July 12, 1769.
3. *Jacob Hale,* b. Dec. 8, 1744; m. Ruth Towne Dec. 7, 1767.
4. *Judith Hale,* b. Oct. 14, 1747; m. Absolom Towne April 12, 1768.
5. *David Hale,* b. Nov. 23, 1749; m. Rachel Foster Oct. 3, 1777.
6. *Amos Hale,* b. May 25, 1752.
7. *Nathaniel Hale,* b. Sept. 4, 1754; m. Sarah Perley May 4, 1780.
8. *Lucy Hale,* b. Sept. 26, 1756.

v. Moses, b. June 13, 1718; m. Phebe Symonds, daughter of John and Hannah (Hazen) Symonds of Boxford, May 24, 1749; they lived in Shrewsbury.

Children, born in Shrewsbury: —

1. *Moses,* b. April 6, 1750.
2. *Joab,* b. Aug. 25, 1751; d. Sept. 16, 1757.
3. *Jacob,* b. March 23, 1753.
4. *John,* b. June 14, 1756; d. Sept. 13, 1757.
5. *Joab,* b. March 25, 1759.

vi. Ruth, b. Sept. 21, 1721; d. *s. p.* before 1749.

vii. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 5, 1724; lived in his grandfather Robert's house; m. Sarah Burpee of Rowley May 23, 1751; d. in 1802, aged seventy-seven, and an obituary appears in the *Salem Gazette* for Jan. 19, 1802.

Children, born in Boxford: —

1. *Anna,* b. June 25, 1752; m. Ivory Hovey April 28, 1778.
2. *Jacob,* b. Nov. 28, 1753; m. Mary Thomas of Gloucester; d. June 30, 1829; she d. Nov. 11, 1846.
3. *Miriam,* b. April 23, 1755; m. John Perkins Dec. 8, 1785.
4. *Nathaniel,* b. Dec. 30, 1756; m. Mary Hood Feb. 2, 1778.
5. *Ruth,* b. April 25, 1758; d. Nov. 5, 1759.
6. *Sarah,* b. Aug. 28, 1759; m. Amos Perley Feb. 4, 1779.
7. *Ruth,* b. April 20, 1761; d. 1802, unmarried.
8. *Ebenezer,* b. Jan. 9, 1763.
9. *Rebecca,* b. Sept. 17, 1764; d. Oct. 1, 1843, unmarried.
10. *Moses,* b. July 6, 1766; probably that Moses of Henniker, N. H., who m. Mary Symonds Feb. 26, 1795, in Boxford.
11. *Hepsibah,* b. April 9, 1768.
12. *Joseph,* b. Feb. 27, 1771; m. (1) Hepsibah Chapman Dec. 24, 1799; she d. in 1805; he m. (2) Kezia Gould Dec. 17, 1805; he d. Dec. 10, 1826; she d. Aug. 23, 1842.

6. Samuel[3] Smith, Esq. (*Samuel*[2], *Robert*[1]), was born in Topsfield on January 26, 1714. His first wife was Priscilla Gould, his first cousin, daughter of Zacheus and Elizabeth (Curtis) Gould, whom he married May 27, 1734. She died September 25, 1744. He married his second wife on October 8, 1745, and her maiden name was also Priscilla Gould, a daughter of Joseph and Priscilla (Perkins) Gould.

Samuel Smith was undoubtedly the most prominent citizen of Topsfield during the latter part of his long career of public serv-

ice. After occupying minor offices in his younger days he was chosen selectman in 1749, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1757, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776 and 1777; constable in 1750; moderator of the town meetings from 1758 to 1778 with the exception of two years; representative to the General Court 1765-1772, 1774 and 1777. He was a member of the Committee of Public Safety in Boston in 1768, of the Committee of Correspondence in 1773, of the Committee on Tea in 1774, a delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775, and a member of the Committee on Pay of Minute-men that same year. He was the town's assessor from 1771 to 1773, and town clerk in 1776 and 1777. He bore the military title of lieutenant from 1758 to 1766, when he became captain, and during his last years he was Samuel Smith, Esquire, when that designation was indicative of importance and respect.

Samuel Smith, gentleman, made his will on March 3, 1767, but he survived many years after the date of that document and died of apoplexy on November 14, 1785. His estate was divided between his wife Priscilla, his daughters Priscilla, Vashti and Susanna, and his sons Samuel and Asael. His silver watch was specifically bequeathed to Samuel and his silver shoe-buckles to Asael.* His widow died May 27, 1797, aged eighty-three.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

i. Priscilla, bapt. Jan. 2, 1736/7; m. Jacob Kimball, son of Jacob and Sarah (Hale) Kimball, July 15, 1756; he was a blacksmith, "chosen to set ye Psalms" in Topsfield church in 1765, and a sergeant in Capt. Perkins's company of "minute men" on April 19, 1775; she d. Dec. 7, 1792; he m. (2) Phebe Wildes, daughter of John and Sarah (Rogers) Wildes, Jan., 1795; she d. July 18, 1808; he d. Nov. 8, 1810.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

1. *Benjamin Kimball,* bapt. Aug. 21, 1757; served in the Revolution April 19, and May 2 to Aug. 5, 1775; an undergraduate of Harvard College when he d. Aug. 19, 1776.
2. *Mehitable Kimball,* bapt. Dec. 3, 1758; d. Nov. 16, 1790.
3. *Jacob Kimball,* b. Feb. 22, 1761; served as a drummer boy in the Revolution, May 2 to Oct. 2, 1775; Harvard College, 1780; famous locally as a musician; d. July 24, 1826, in Topsfield almshouse.
4. *Priscilla Kimball,* bapt. March 13, 1763; d. Sept. 2, 1792.

* Essex Probate, No. 25750.

5. *Anna Kimball,* b. June 2, 1765; m. John Hood, Jr., May 2, 1787.
6. *Lucy Kimball,* bapt. Sept. 6, 1767; m. Solomon Perley Nov. 26, 1789.
7. *Lydia Kimball,* bapt. Jan. 28, 1770; d. April 24, 1795.
8. *David Kimball,* b. April 26, 1772; d. Nov. 20, 1796.
9. *Samuel Kimball,* b. March 5, 1775; d. Aug. 29, 1775.
10. *Benjamin Kimball,* b. Feb. 9, 1778; d. Aug. 19, 1817.

ii. Samuel, b. Oct. 28, 1737; m. Rebecca Towne, daughter of Jabez and Tryphena (Dwindell) Towne, Jan. 2, 1760.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Rebecca,* b. June 29, 1760; m. Eleazer Porter Putnam of Danvers, Oct. 16, 1781.
2. *Lydia,* b. April 14, 1762; m. Jacob Wildes March 8, 1785.
3. *Susanna,* b. March 9, 1764; d. Sept. 18, 1781.
4. *Samuel,* b. April 1, 1766.
5. *Mary,* b. March 31, 1768.
6. *Jacob,* b. May 24, 1770.
7. *Anna,* b. Jan. 8, 1772.
8. *Priscilla,* b. Oct. 23, 1773.
9. ——— (still-born), b. April 13, 1775.
10. *Benjamin,* b. Feb. 20, 1776; d. Oct. 2, 1778.

iii. Vashti, b. Oct. 5, 1739; m. (1) Solomon Curtis, son of Joseph and Catherine (Towne) Curtis of Boxford, Sept. 15, 1763; m. (2) Jacob Hobbs, son of Abraham and Sarah (Brown) Hobbs, July 13, 1767.

Children, by first husband, bapt. in Topsfield: —

1. *Samuel Curtis,* bapt. Aug. 26, 1764.
2. *Solomon Curtis,* bapt. April 13, 1766.

Child, by second husband: —

3. *Jacob Hobbs,* bapt. Feb. 21, 1768.

iv. Susanna, b. Jan. 24, 1741/2; m. Isaac Hobbs, son of Abraham and Sarah (Brown) Hobbs, May 13, 1766.

Children, bapt. in Topsfield: —

1. *Sarah Hobbs,* bapt. Nov. 16, 1766.
2. *Elijah Hobbs,* bapt. Jan. 24, 1768.
3. *Priscilla Hobbs,* bapt. May 28, 1769; d. May 18, 1771.
4. *Isaac Hobbs,* bapt. Aug. 19, 1770.
5. *Elizabeth Hobbs,* bapt. Aug. 8, 1773.
6. *Munson Hobbs,* bapt. March 5, 1775.
7. *Samuel Hobbs,* bapt. Dec. 1, 1776.
8. *Susanna Hobbs,* bapt. April 12, 1778.
9. *Humphrey Hobbs,* bapt. Sept. 5, 1779.

v. Asael, b. March 7, 1743/4; m. Mary Duty of Windham, N. H., Feb. 12, 1767; lived successively in Windham, Dunbarton and Derryfield, N. H., Topsfield, Mass., Tunbridge, Vt., and Stockholm, N. Y., where he d. Oct. 31, 1830; Revolutionary soldier.

Children: —

1. *Jesse,* b. April 20, 1768, in Topsfield; m. Hannah Peabody; lived in Vermont; ten children.

2. *Priscilla,* b. Oct. 20, 1769; m. John C. Waller Aug. 24, 1796.
3. *Joseph,* b. July 12, 1771; m. Lucy Mack Jan. 24, 1796; d. Sept. 14, 1840; ten children, among whom was Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet.
4. *Asael,* b. May 21, 1773, at Windham, N. H.; m. Elizabeth Shellenger March 21, 1802; d. July 21, 1848, in Iowa; eight children.
5. *Mary,* b. June 4, 1775; m. Isaac Pierce.
6. *Samuel,* b. Sept. 15, 1777; m. Frances Wilcox, Feb., 1816; d. March, 1830; five children.
7. *Silas,* b. Oct. 1, 1779; m. (1) Ruth Stevens Jan. 29, 1805; m. (2) Mary Aikens; d. Sept. 13, 1839, in Pittsfield, Illinois; ten children.
8. *John,* b. July 16, 1781, in Derryfield, N. H.; m. Clarissa Lyman in 1815; d. May 23, 1854, in Salt Lake City, Utah; three children.
9. *Susannah,* b. May 18, 1783.
10. *Stephen,* b. April 23, 1785; d. April 23, 1802.
11. *Sarah,* b. May 16, 1789; m. Joseph Sanford Oct. 15, 1809; d. May 27, 1824; four children.

7. Robert[3] Smith (*Samuel*[2], *Robert*[1]) was born in Topsfield April 25, 1724. When a very young man he moved to Leominster where he was living when he married his cousin Susanna Gould, daughter of Zacheus and Elizabeth (Curtis) Gould, on February 28, 1744. They returned to Topsfield where their first three children were born between 1746 and 1751, but about 1752 they again left their native town and settled in Douglas, in the southern part of Worcester county.

Susanna Smith died about 1773, and the marriage of Ensign Robert Smith and his second wife, Abigail Waters, daughter of Amos Waters of Sutton, is recorded March 27, 1775. He died in Sutton on March 17, 1795.

Children:—

i. Elijah, b. Dec. 5, 1746, in Topsfield; m. Douglessa Dudley, int. June 27, 1768, in Douglas; d. Nov. 17, 1839.

Children, born in Douglas:—

1. *Sarah,* b. June 1, 1769.
2. *Lydia,* b. Oct. 27, 1771.
3. *Robert,* b. May 2, 1774.
4. *Susanna,* b. June 29, 1776.
5. *Rebecca,* b. May 8, 1778.
6. *Elijah,* b. Dec. 2, 1780.
7. *Samuel,* b. Sept. 22, 1783.
8. *Amasa,* b. April 18, 1786; d. Dec. 14, 1805, in Douglas.
9. *Mercy,* b. Aug. 8, 1789.
10. *Dudley,* b. May 12, 1793.

ii. Elisha, b. Oct. 4, 1748, in Topsfield; m. Lucy Bolcom April 21, 1772, in Douglas.

Children: —

1. *Eunice,* b. July 31, 1772, in Douglas; m. Eleizer Gould, Jr., April 11, 1799.
2. *Aaron,* b. Sept. 22, 1790.

iii. THOMAS, b. June 4, 1751, in Topsfield; d. in infancy.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. April 20, 1753, in Douglas; m. Benjamin Carlton of Sutton June 17, 1773; she d. April 10, 1797.

Children: —

1. *Joshua Carlton,* b. Nov. 13, 1774, at Ringe.
2. *Hannah Carlton,* b. Jan. 13, 1777; d. Oct. 10, 1778.
3. *Silas Carlton,* b. Oct. 10, 1778.
4. *Elijah Carlton,* b. July 15, 1780.
5. *Betsey Carlton,* b. April 16, 1782.
6. *Anna Carlton,* b. March 31, 1784, at Sutton.
7. *John Carlton,* b. Nov. 16, 1785.
8. *David Carlton,* b. May 30, 1788.
9. *James Carlton,* b. Nov. 13, 1790.
10. *Polly Carlton,* b. May 23, 1792.
11. *Sally Carlton,* b. Feb. 9, 1794.
12. *Susanna Carlton,* b. March 29, 1797.

v. REBECCA, b. 1755;* m. Jacob Morse, Jr., Jan. 11, 1781, in Douglas; she d. Sept. 8, 1839, aged eighty-four; he d. Jan. 5, 1841, aged eighty-five.

Children, born in Douglas: —

1. *Amos Morse,* b. April 8, 1783.
2. *Ezra Morse,* b. Nov. 3, 1785.
3. *Betsey Morse,* b. July 28, 1789.
4. *Polly Morse,* b. April 16, 1792.
5. *Sally Morse,* b. Nov. 28, 1794.

vi. THOMAS, b. March 10, 1760, in Sutton; m. (1) Polly Lamson Sept. 6, 1785, in Sutton; she d. Sept. 4, 1796; he m. (2) Sally Waters Oct. 19, 1797; he d. Oct. 3, 1846, aged eighty-six.

Children, by first wife: —

1. *Hiram,* b. Feb. 16, 1786.
2. *Brigham,* b. Sept. 11, 1787.
3. *Perley,* b. Feb. 18, 1789.
4. *Prudence,* b. May 17, 1793; d. March 21, 1812.

Child, by second wife: —

5. *Samuel Waters,* b. Dec. 24, 1797; d. Oct. 15, 1802.

vii. SUSANNA, bapt. May 30, 1772, in Douglas.
viii. JEDEDIAH, bapt. May 30, 1772, in Douglas.
ix. SILAS, bapt. May 30, 1772, in Douglas.

* Douglas Vital Records.

IV

FRENCH, OF IPSWICH

FRENCH

1. Ensign Thomas French of Ipswich was in New England as early as 1637 when he was a soldier in the Pequot War. In 1672 he petitioned the colonial government for a grant of land northwest of Salisbury, in behalf of himself and eight other Ipswich men who had seen service in that campaign. His signature

to the petition is here presented in facsimile.* French is first mentioned in the Ipswich records in 1638 when he was designated Thomas French, Jr. Thomas French, Sr., who came to Ipswich from Boston in 1635 with his wife Alice, has been confused with him, notably by Mr. Hammett, the distinguished Ipswich genealogist. Whether or not any relationship existed between them is not determined. The elder man was a member of the Boston church in 1631, a freeman on November 6, 1632, was dismissed to the Ipswich church in 1638, and administration on his estate was granted to his widow Alice on 5: 9: 1639. She subsequently married Ensign Thomas Howlett of Ipswich and Topsfield.

Thomas French's chief public activities were military and judicial. He was a subscriber to Major Dennison's compensation in 1648. He is called Sergeant French until 1664, and Ensign French henceforth. In 1664 he testified to the mutinous behavior of Samuel Hunt and others during the training of the Ipswich troop on Wolfpen plain.† He served on the trial jury of the County Court in 1651, 1652, 1657-1660, 1662, 1664, 1669, 1672, 1674-1675, and 1678, and on a jury of inquest in 1676. He is listed as a voter in town affairs in 1679 and as a commoner in 1678.

Ensign French died August 8, 1680. His wife Mary survived until May 6, 1681. His will, dated five days before his death, follows:—

"In the name of God Amen. I Thomas ffrench senior. of

* Supreme Judicial Court of Mass., No. 477.
† Records and Files, etc., III : 139.

Ipswich being weak of body yet of perfect understanding and memory doe in case of death make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who hath redeemed it by the precious blood of his Son; and I commit my body to the Earth, whence it was taken, to be buried in a Christian decent manner by my friends in hope of a blessed resurrection to eternal life. And as for my outward Estate which God hath graciously given me in this world I doe thus dispose of it: inprimis, I give and bequeath to Mary my beloved wife the Bed whereon I use to ly, with all the appurtenances and furniture belonging thereto. Moreover I give to my son Thomas ffrench my cloak and close-coat. Also I give to my son John French one Cow, which is to make up the full summe of thirty pounds which I formerly promised him for his Portion. Also I give to my daughter Mary Smith, one Cow. And to my son Samuel ffrench I give and bequeath the bed whereon he usually lieth, together with the Bedding and Bed-stead belonging to the same. ffurther, as concerning my lands at the Pequod lots, and my division Lot of marsh at plum-Island my Will is, that my sons Thomas and Samuel French for and in consideration of twenty pounds by them engaged according to my order unto my son Ephraim French as y^{e} remaining part of his portion (which summe of twenty pounds is almost all paid, and the remainer due upon demand), I say my Will is that those my two sonns Thomas and Samuel shall possesse and enjoy the said Pequod lands, and division-lot of marsh to themselves and to their heirs forever, to be equally divided betwixt them.

"ffurthermore, I give and bequeath to my sonn Thomas French my dwelling house and homested with all the appurtenances and priviledges thereof and belonging thereto, and also my Lot lying in Labour-in-vain fields containing twelve acres more or less; with all the rest of my cattell, stocke of all sorts and movable goods (not disposed of by this my Will and testament:) and to my son Samuel I give and bequeath two acres of upland joyning to Joseph Quilter's and two acres of meadow-ground at Reedy marsh; to be possessed by them respectiuely after my decease: Provided always and my Will is, that my son Thomas French doe give full and free libertie to Mary my wife his mother to abide and dwell in the said house and to make use of any room or rooms thereof for her convenient accommodation therein; as likewise to make use of all or any such moveables as I

doe now leave in the hands of my son Thomas (not disposed of:) as may be necessary and convenient for her use and occasions from time to time; and all these during the term of her natural life; and that after her decease my son Thomas shall deliver to my three children John, Samll. and Mary three of the biggest pewter dishes which shall then be left and remain, that is to say, to each of them, one. Provided also, and my will is, that my two sons Thomas and Samuel doe carefully provide for their mothers comfortable maintenance and livelyhood and what is requisit thereto during her natural life; each of them allowing thereto proportionally to that part of my Estate which shall be by them received by vertue of this my testamt. And if through any neglect or failure, this way of maintenance should not be to their mother's satisfaction and content, my Will is, yt those my two sonns Thomas and Samuel shall allow to their mother ten pounds yeerly: nine pounds thereof to be paid by Thomas and twenty shillings by Samuel, in such pay as shall be suitable and necessary for her comfortable maintenance and livelyhood: And further, if it shall please God to exercise her with much prevailing weakness or continuing sickness that the aforesaid ten pounds should not suffice to defray the charges of her expences; my Will is, that (over and aboue ye ten pounds, and according to the like rate of proportion) those my two sons Thomas and Samuel shall supply her with necessaries suitable as her condition may require, yt she be not exposed to suffering for want of what ought and might be procured for her. Also my Will is, that my Lot in Labour-in-vain fields, and the two acres of meadow at Reedy Marsh shall stand bound respectively to my said wife during her natural life at securitie for the true pformance of this my Will as respecting her maintenance by my two Sonns; and after her decease, the said lands (except what shall bee alienated (if any so be) by means of the securitie aforesaid) to remain to each of those my Sonns, and to their heirs for ever as is before mentioned and declared. And lastly, I doe name, appoint, and constitute my son Thomas French to be the sole Executor. of this my last will & testament."

August: 3: 1680. Thomas ffrench, Sen.
Witness: (no signatures)

Inventory of the estate of Ensigne Thomas French taken Aug. 25, 1680, by Jonathan Wade and John Whipple: his waring apparell Linon & woolin, 4li. 10s.; the grat beed in

the parler with what belongs toe it, 7li. 10s.; a trundle beed with what belongs toe it, 3li.; thre chests, 20s., 7 cushins, 20s., 2 li.; 4 payer of sheets, 40s., 4 pilowbers, 8s., 2li. 8s.; 22 napcines, 30s., 3 tablecloths, 20s., 2li. 10s.; 11 yds. of hommade cloth, 1li, 13s.; warming pann 8s., yd. & halfe of serge, 6s., 14s.; a cutlach & belt, 6s., 3 small baskits, 2s., 8s.; 2 bruches, 2s., smal looking glas, 1s., 3s.; 6 chayers, 6s., table & foorme, 7s., 13s.; one spitt, fire pan, tonges, gridirone, tramell, 18s.; 9 pewter dishes, 27s.; 2 pint pots & a half pint, two porengers, one beacer cup, 2 poringer, 1li. 17s.; two bras Ketls, 2li. 15s.; one Irone pott, 3 scilits, a scimer, 14s.; tine ware, 6s., 9 spones, 18d., 7s. 6d.; barels, payels, trayes, kelers, 14s.; earthen ware, 8s.; old axe & howe, 3s., books, 10s., 13s.; 3 loads of haye, 30s.; a bed given to Samuel French with what belongs toe it, 4li. 15s.; a meane bed with what belongs toe it, 2li.; doz. halfe of trenchers, 18d., sithes, 2s., 3s. 6d.; 5 sheep & thre Lames, 2li. 13s.; 4 cowes, 12li.; 8 swine, 3li. 11s.; his dweling hous & barne & homestead with the privelidg belonging, 70li.; 12 accers of Lande at Laber in vain, 60li.; 2 accers of Land by Scotes Lane, 10li.; 2 accers of march in the comon feild, 10li.; debts due by booke, 71li. 7s. 6d.; total, 217 li. 15s. 6d. Debts he oweth, 34li. 8s. 5d. making total, 183li. 7s. 1d.

Children:—

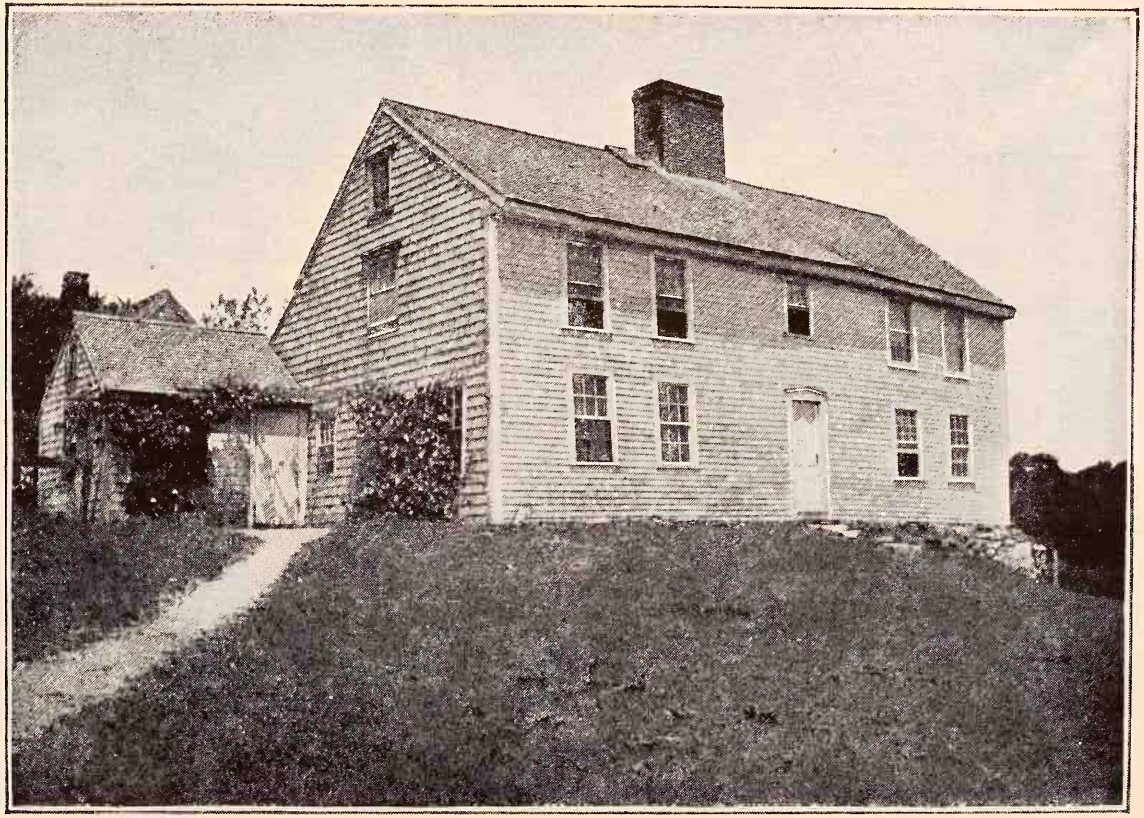
i. SARAH; in 1656 Sergeant French seems to have charged Hackaliah Bridges with being the prospective father of a child by Sarah French, but Bridges was discharged; if, as seems probable, Sarah was a daughter of Thomas French, she d. before 1680.*

ii. THOMAS, b. about 1636; he testified that he was twenty-two years old in 1658;† m. Mary Adams, daughter of William Adams of Ipswich, Feb. 29, 1659/60; served under Major Appleton in the winter campaign against the Narragansetts in 1675-6; commoner in 1678 and voter in town affairs in 1679; in 1687, being constable of Ipswich, he took an active part in the rebellion against the tax policy of Gov. Andros under the leadership of Appleton and Rev. John Wise;‡ he was arrested Sept. 15, 1687, arraigned on Sept. 21 and sentenced to pay a fine of £15, to give a bond of £500 for good behavior and to be ineligible to hold office.

Children, born in Ipswich:—

1. *Thomas,* b. Nov. 30, 1661; d. Dec. 14, 1661.
2. *Mary,* b. March 9, 1662/3; m. John Stiles of Boxford, as his second wife, Dec. 14, 1705; in 1718 John and Mary Stiles and Esther French, all of Boxford, deeded "the

* Records and Files, etc., II : 2.
† Records and Files, etc., II : 140.
‡ This episode, by reason of which Ipswich claims to be the cradle of American liberty, began in a high and patriotic spirit, but was speedily put down by authority and ended in surprisingly humble apologies on the part of the leaders.



THE FRENCH-ANDREWS HOUSE, BUILT 1675-6.

homestead of our father French, two acres," in Ipswich to Dr. Samuel Wallis;* she was admitted to Boxford church Dec. 24, 1727; d. May 13, 1753, *s. p.*

3. *Thomas,* b. May 21, 1666; probably d. young.
4. *Abigail,* b. June 27, 1668; d. Oct. 17, 1703.
5. *Hannah,* b. Jan. 30, 1670/1; probably d. young.
6. *William,* b. Nov. 30, 1673; probably d. young.
7. *Hester,* b. Jan. 2, 1676; she was a "seamster" living in Boxford in 1718, when she joined her sister Mary Stiles in the deed to Dr. Wallis.

iii. JOHN; m. Phebe Keyes, daughter of Robert and Sarah Keyes, about 1660. She was born in Watertown June 17, 1639. Her mother m. Sergt. John Gage of Ipswich in 1658, and when her estate was settled in 1681 the wife of John French is mentioned as one of her three daughters.

John French, a tailor by trade, moved from Ipswich to Topsfield about the year 1664. Some ten years later he built the house which forms the nucleus of the French-Andrews house, so called, still standing near the Newburyport turnpike in Topsfield and well known to antiquaries. He was admitted a commoner of Topsfield in 1675/6 and took the oath of allegiance and fidelity in 1678. He was corporal and clerk of the local military company, served the county on grand and trial juries and the town in various minor offices. Phebe (Keyes) French committed suicide by drowning in May, 1701, and in December of that year John French deeded his home to his son John in return for the usual consideration of care in his old age.† He d. about the year 1706, and his children divided his estate by agreement in August, 1707, his son John being the administrator.

Children:—

1. *Mary;* m. Stephen Pearson of Rowley Nov. 11, 1684.
2. *Sarah,* b. March 1, 1664/5; m. Thomas Towne of Topsfield March 17, 1684/5.
3. *Phebe,* b. May 8, 1667; m. John Gould of Topsfield Nov. 10, 1684.
4. *John,* b. Aug. 26, 1671; m. Elizabeth ———; d. April 20, 1730, in Norwich, Conn., in which town he had settled in 1718.
5. *Lydia,* b. May 17, 1674; m. Nathaniel Averill June 17, 1730, and d. May 31, 1746, *s. p.*
6. *Richard,* b. Aug. 18, 1676; m. Elizabeth ———; settled in Enfield, Conn., where his uncle Ephraim French deeded him land in 1699; his wife d. April 30, 1752; he d. May 13, 1757.
7. *Hepsibah,* b. Feb. 2, 1678/9; m. David Shapley of Marblehead Nov. 13, 1704; living in 1707.
8. *Patience,* b. Aug. 23, 1681; m. (1) James Fairman in Enfield, Conn., Aug. 3, 1711; he d. in 1721, and she m. (2) Ebenezer Spencer March 8, 1725/6; she m. (3) Ephraim Colman of Coventry Oct. 25, 1749.

* Essex Deeds, 34 : 198.
† Essex Deeds, 15 : 257.

iv. MARY; m. Robert Smith of Rowley Village (Boxford). (*See Smith.*)

v. SAMUEL; convicted of fornication with Lydia Brown Feb. 22, 1666; his father and brother Thomas going on his bond;* d. in Ipswich in 1688.

vi. EPHRAIM, b. about 1643; he deposed that he was fifteen years old in 1658;† admitted an inhabitant of Enfield, Conn., in 1687, but in 1690 there is an entry in the town book that his grant is to be forfeited "if he come not"; he came, and in 1699 his nephew Richard French of Topsfield was induced to follow him, and, in return for companionship and labor, became his uncle's heir; d. Sept., 1716, *s. p.*

* Records and Files, etc., III : 398.
† Records and Files, etc., II : 139.

V

CURTIS, OF BOXFORD AND TOPSFIELD

CURTIS

1. Zacheus Curtis embarked on the "James" at Southampton, England, on April 5, 1635, his occupation being given on the Customs House record as labourer and his residence as Downton. According to a later estimate of his age he was born about 1619 and was therefore approximately sixteen years old at the time of his emigration. Inasmuch as a large number of his fellow passengers were from Wiltshire, his home was doubtless in that Wiltshire parish of Downton which is a few miles southeast of Salisbury, but an examination of the parish register, while revealing several contemporary Curtis families, fails to identify him. Possibly he was born and baptized in one of the surrounding villages.

Curtis probably settled in Salem, but we have no record of him until 1643 when the Salem constable presented him and ten others for pasturing cattle in the north corn fields.* The following year he was fined twenty shillings "for rash and ill-advised coming in to have sworne falcelie."† He was presented for smoking tobacco in the street in 1647, but the charge was not proved.‡ About this time he married Joanna ———, who appears as a witness in a defamation suit in 1650.§

Some time before 1658 Curtis and his family settled in Reading on land rented of John Gould, and in that year the lease had six more years to run. On the recommendation of Mr. Edmund Batter of Salem, Mr. William Bartholomew of Gloucester made an agreement with Curtis by which he was to leave Reading and go to Gloucester to manage Bartholomew's farm and draw logs to his mill. Curtis went to Gloucester in August of 1658 to come to terms with Bartholomew and to see the house provided for him, and on returning to Reading he wound up his affairs and transported his family and goods to Salem, from where, after waiting a fortnight for a boat, he set sail for Gloucester. Upon his arrival, Bartholomew threw over the agreement and refused to employ him. Several witnesses testified for Bartholomew, in the suit which Curtis had brought against him, that Curtis had failed to come on two weeks trial as he had agreed, that he was too weak and sickly to undertake the position, and

* Records and Files, etc., I : 56.
† Records and Files, etc., I : 75.
‡ Records and Files, etc., I : 137.
§ Records and Files, etc., I : 193.

that his wife was a "froward woman." A letter from Bartholomew to Curtis and the testimony of Mrs. Batter, however, seemed to prove that everything was in agreement up to the final arrival of Curtis and his family in Gloucester, and the jury returned a verdict for Curtis.*

The Curtises did not immediately leave Gloucester as the birth of their daughter Mary was recorded there in 1659, but soon afterward they are found at Rowley Village (Boxford), which was then closely identified with Topsfield, and where in 1663 Zacheus Gould, the father of his former landlord at Reading, deeded to Zacheus Curtis a parcel of land lying on the south side of Fish brook. He also gave Curtis liberty to pasture cattle on Gould's common land and a right of way to Topsfield. In 1664/5 Curtis sold to John Robinson two parcels of land on the river called Brooksby in Salem which had formerly been granted him by that town.† He then called himself a planter.

In 1672 Curtis and his sons Zacheus and Zachariah, with two other Topsfield men, were fined for smoking in the meeting-house. At the same court he complained of the bad condition of the highway to Salem at Beaver Dam and gave his evidence thereto.‡

Thadeus Brand of Lynn, whose wife Sarah died December 13, 1675, gave his baby girl, Mary, who was born on the November 27 before his wife's death, to the Curtises on November 16, 1676. Brand was killed by the Indians at Black Point in the following June. It would seem probable that some blood relationship existed between the families.

Curtis was surety for Ensign John Gould in 1675, but was not accepted. He seems to have been closely associated with the Goulds, appearing as witness for them in court cases, etc.§

Zacheus Curtis died in 1682. His verbal will was testified to by John Ramsdel and Abigail Curtis, who stated that they were present when Curtis lay upon his deathbed, and that he declared that his will was that all his grandsons should have twenty shillings each and his granddaughters ten shillings each, and that his son Ephraim should have the farm after his mother's death. The statement was sworn to on November 29, 1682, and John Curtis, Ephraim Curtis and Jonathan Looke, husband of Mary Curtis, assented to it. Abraham Redington, Sr., and John Peabody took his inventory, which amounted to £185: 16: 8. The estate was much reduced by debts which totalled £134: 6: 8.¶

* Records and Files, etc., II : 131-4.
† Essex Deeds, 3 : 113.
‡ Records and Files, etc., V : 26, 28, 63.
§ Records and Files, etc., VI : 18.
¶ Records and Files, etc., VIII : 420-1.

Ephraim Curtis was appointed to administer his father's property.

Children: —

2. i. ZACHEUS, b. about 1646.
3. ii. JOHN, b. about 1649.
iii. ZACHARIAH, b. about 1651; aged twenty-two in 1673; credited for service in King Philip's War, Oct. 24, 1676; his name appears on the minister's rate list in Ipswich in 1675; having been fined for having improper relations with Widow Elizabeth Bridges in the September court, 1680, he sued Joseph Peabody for slander in circulating the rumor, in the November session; probably d. *s. p.*
iv. SARAH; m. James[2] Scales, son of William Scales of Rowley, Nov. 7, 1677; he d. before March 31, 1685/6, when the inventory of his estate was taken by Samuel and Andrew Stickney, and his heirs stated to be his widow, Sarah, and his children, James, aged seven, Sarah, aged five, William, aged three, and Matthew, aged one.

Children: —

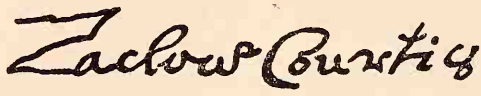
1. *James Scales,* b. March 30, 1679; m. his cousin Sarah[3] Curtis, daughter of Zacheus and Mary (Blake) Curtis, March 10, 1703/4.
2. *Sarah Scales,* b. Jan. 18, 1680/1; m. George Burroughs, son of Rev. George Burroughs, the witchcraft martyr, 27: 12: 1713.
3. *William Scales,* b. March 1, 1682/3; m. Susanna Ayres; removed to Falmouth, Maine, and was the first representative of that town in the General Court; killed by Indians at North Yarmouth April 13, 1724.
4. *Matthew Scales,* bapt. March 29, 1685; pub. to Elizabeth Jewett Oct. 31, 1707; killed with his brother William in 1724.

v. MARY, b. May 12, 1659, in Gloucester; m. John Heard; in June, 1677, her father petitioned the court to grant her a separation from her husband on the ground of his impotence, but the petition was refused and the couple were ordered to live together as man and wife; in July, 1678, however, Mary Heard was granted a divorce on her previous grounds, coupled with desertion, the decree to take effect if Heard did not return within a month;* she was married, under her maiden name, to Jonathan[2] Looke at Topsfield on Nov. 19, 1678. (*See Looke.*)
4. vi. EPHRAIM.
vii. ABIGAIL; testified to her father's verbal will in 1682; presented for fornication at the Quarterly Court in Sept., 1689.

2. ZACHEUS[2] CURTIS (*Zacheus*[1]) was born about 1647, as his age was given as twenty-two in 1669. When he was sixteen he was sentenced by the county court to stand at the court-room door for an hour with a paper on his hat on which was written in large letters "For setting up a faulse purpose of marriage at Topsfield." James Waters and Elizabeth Redington were the young couple thus involved, and Zacheus's spiritual descendants are still scrawling amorous announcements on New England

* Records and Files, etc., VI : 295; VII : 78.

fences. A year later he was accused of a more serious offence by a daughter of George Hadley of Topsfield, and sentenced to be whipped.



He married Mary Blake, daughter of George and Dorothy Blake of Gloucester, December 4, 1673. In 1675 he served under Capt. Gardiner in King Philip's war and was in action in the Narragansett fort fight. He lived in Rowley Village (Boxford) where Capt. John Gould deeded him forty-two acres in 1676,* and ten acres in 1686.† With his brother Ephraim he also owned a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Boxford which was divided by their heirs in 1721.‡ He was selectman of Boxford in 1693, 1705 and 1708.

After the death of his wife Mary, Zacheus Curtis married Abigail Stiles, daughter of Robert Stiles of Boxford.

Zacheus Curtis died between April 18 and July 17, 1712, the dates of the codicil to his will and the probate of the document. In the will his wife Abigail and his sons James, Zachariah and Joseph, and his daughters Sarah Scales, Mercy, Prudence, Ruth and Deborah Curtis are mentioned, and the sons Zachariah and Joseph are named as executors. In the codicil several specific legacies are created, as "my best coate, my pistoles & Rasor" to his son James, "my Carbine" to Zachariah, "my Muskett" to Joseph, "Mr. Mathers book of eight sermons," "the great chaire," etc. The land devised to his sons was entailed. Administration *cum testamento annexo* was granted to the son James on July 9, 1716, and he returned an inventory of real property valued at £232. He petitioned the court for permission to sell sufficient land to discharge the debts and legacies, amounting to £64 : 1 : 8, "the estate being all Reale & entailed by the deceased in his last will," but the request was denied on November 13, 1716, by the Supreme Judicial Court. The administrator accounted in 1723, and in 1731 the dower of widow Abigail was set off.§

Widow Abigail Curtis married Jonathan Hyde (Hides) of Canterbury, Conn., January 28, 1723/4, and was his widow in 1731, when she sold her dower rights in Zacheus Curtis's estate to his three grandchildren, Love Beale of Needham, and Zacha-

* Essex Deeds, 4 : 134.
† Essex Deeds, 7 : 85.
‡ Essex Deeds, 38 : 113.
§ Essex Probate, 310 : 449-50; 311 : 413; 313 : 591; 319 : 315-6; Supreme Judicial Court, No. 28971.

riah and Abial Curtis, both of Salem.* She made her own will April 25, 1750, but none of her Curtis step-children are mentioned therein. It was probated June 11, 1751.†

Children, born in Boxford:—

i. MARY, b. Feb. 10, 1673/4; d. Dec. 31, 1674.

ii. SARAH, b. Dec. 27, 1675; m. her cousin James Scales, son of James and Sarah (Curtis) Scales, of Rowley March 10, 1703/4; after her death he m. Mary ———.

Children:—

1. *Mary Scales,* b. Dec. 31, 1704.
2. *James Scales,* b. May 31, 1707; Harvard College, 1733.
3. *Moses Scales,* b. May 3, 1709.
4. *Hannah Scales,* b. Feb. 16, 1712.
5. *John Scales,* b. Nov. 13, 1713.
6. *Nathan Scales,* b. Sept. 10, 1716.
7. *Mercy Scales,* b. Aug. 14, 1718.
8. *Joseph Scales,* b. June 16, 1720.
9. *Oliver Scales,* b. Dec. 2, 1722.

iii. MARY, b. Nov. 11, 1677; d. Oct. 21, 1683.

iv. ZACHEUS, b. Jan. 4, 1678/9; d. Nov. 7, 1683.

v. JAMES, b. Dec. 12, 1681; m. (1) Eleanor Jafford, daughter of Francis Jafford of Casco Bay before 1715/6;‡ m. (2) Mary Killam Jan. 1, 1723/4; selectman of Boxford 1729; living in 1761.

Children:—

1. *James;* m. Sarah Buswell, int. Oct. 1, 1731.
2. *Joseph;* m. (1) Catherine Towne Oct. 4, 1738; m. (2) Phebe Towne June 11, 1761.

vi. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 21, 1683; d. before 1712.

vii. MARY, b. March 1, 1684/5; d. before 1712.

viii. RUTH, b. April 26, 1686; m. James Mackarwethey, son of James and Mary (Everett) Mackarwethey of Dedham, Sept. 11, 1718, in Boston, as his second wife, her sister Deborah being married to John Martin at the same time; Mackarwethey's first wife, Bethia, daughter of John and Hannah Lewis, d. May 24, 1715; on May 4, 1729, Ruth, wife of James Mackarwethey, renewed her covenant in the Dedham church and had "her children baptized — Daniel, James, Zachariah, Ruth, Mercy, Abigail" (probably Daniel was a child of Mackarwethey's first wife); Mackarwethey's receipt for his wife's share of her father's property is found among the estate papers;§ James Mackarwethey, yeoman, of Needham, made his will March 3, 1741/2, leaving his property to his wife Ruth, son Daniel, daughters Bethia Kimball, Sarah and Hannah Mackarwethey and Mary Whittemore and his children James, Zachariah, Ruth, Mercy and Abigail.¶

Children, born in Dedham:—

1. *Ruth Mackarwethey,* b. Feb. 16, 1719/20.
2. *Abigail Mackarwethey,* b. Jan. 27, 1722.
3. *James Mackarwethey,* b. Nov. 7, 1724.

* Essex Deeds, 58 : 236.
† Plainfield, Conn., Probate Records, 1 : 93.
‡ York Deeds, XI : 68; Essex Deeds 30 : 53; 37 : 17.
§ Essex Probate, No. 6941.
¶ Suffolk Probate, No. 7742.

4. *Zachariah Mackarwethey* (*Josiah* in record), b. Jan. 4, 1726/7.
5. *Mercy Mackarwethey.*

ix. ZACHARAIAH, b. July 26, 1688; m. Love Rogers Oct. 30, 1709, in Salem; d. before April 4, 1716, when administration was granted to Capt. John Peabody of Boxford;* his widow, Love Curtis, m. Thomas Gallup in 1719.

Children:—

1. *Love,* bapt. Feb. 4, 1710/1; m. Joseph Beale.
2. *Zachariah,* b. 1714; m. Abigail Gray July 21, 1735, in Salem.
3. *Abial,* b. 1715; living, unm. in Sudbury in 1737.**

x. PRUDENCE, b. Sept. 24, 1689; m. (1) Joseph Dwinell of Topsfield;† he was drowned "attempting to swim over ye river" May 19, 1747; she m. (2) Benjamin Ireland of Ipswich, int. July 21, 1751; she d. in Topsfield July 19, 1776, "an aged woman."

Children:—

1. *George Dwinell,* b. May 15, 1716.
2. *Joseph Dwinell,* b. July 14, 1718.
3. *Mercy Dwinell,* b. Feb. 19, 1720/1.
4. *Zachariah Dwinell,* b. July 14, 1723.
5. *Mary Dwinell,* b. Feb., 1725.
6. *James Dwinell,* b. 1728.
7. *Joseph Dwinell,* b. 1731.

xi. JOSEPH, b. March 11, 1692; m. Hannah Cooper of Oxford July 8, 1728; his will, dated Dec. 17, 1742, and proved Oct. 7, 1745, mentions his wife Hannah, sons Joseph, Benjamin and Zacheus, and his "youngest children" John, Thomas, Mary and Patience, and specifies certain land inherited from his father, Zacheus Curtis, deceased, "which is reputed to be entailed to my children."††

Children, by a first wife:—

1. *Joseph;* of Hebron in 1745/6.‡
2. *Benjamin;* of Hebron in 1745/6.‡‡
3. *Zacheus;* m. Sarah Mansfield, int. Sept. 2, 1744.§

By Wife Hannah:—

4. *John,* b. Dec. 7, 1729.
5. *Thomas,* b. March 22, 1732.
6. *Mary,* b. Oct. 2, 1734.
7. *Patience,* b. Jan. 4, 1736/7.

xii. MERCY, b. 1694; m. Joseph Killam April 14, 1714; they were living in Lynn in 1719/20, when they signed a receipt for her share of her father's estate.¶

xiii. DEBORAH, b. May 25, 1696; m. to John Martin of Dorchester, her residence being given as Dedham, Sept. 11, 1718, by Samuel

* Essex Probate, 311 : 366.
** Essex Deeds, 90 : 29.
† Essex Probate, No. 6941.
†† Essex Probate, 326 : 393-5.
‡ Essex Deeds, 91 : 9.
‡‡ Essex Deeds, 91 : 8.
§ Essex Deeds, 91 : 10.
¶ Essex Probate, No. 6941.

Checkley, Esq., who married her sister Ruth and James Mackarwethey on the same day; they receipted for her share in her father's estate in 1722;* Martin d. before 1729/30, when on Jan. 17 she m. Eleazer May of Dedham, son of Eleazer and Sarah (Ballard) May; her estate was divided among her children in 1776.

Children, by first husband:—

1. *John Martin,* b. Aug. 11, 1719; d. *s. p.* before 1776.
2. *Deborah Martin,* b. July 26, 172(1); m. ——— Ward; living in 1776.
3. *Hannah Martin,* b. April 30, 1723; m. John May of Stoughton May 8, 1746.

By second husband:—

4. *Abial May,* b. Oct. 27, 1730; d. *s. p.* before 1776.
5. *John May,* b. Aug. 13, 1734; living in 1776.

3. Sergt. John[2] Curtis (*Zacheus*[1]) was born about the year 1649. He testified that he was twenty-four in 1673.† He married Mary Looke, daughter of Thomas and Mary Looke of Boxford, December 4, 1672. They lived in Topsfield, and in local affairs Curtis occupied a prominent place throughout his life. He was elected tythingman in 1680, 1695 and 1704, constable in 1698, trial juryman in 1692/3, 1696/7, 1711 and 1715, grand juryman in 1703, selectman in 1706, and he constantly occupied the minor offices of the town. He became corporal of the local militia in 1690, and sergeant about 1711. Mary (Looke) Curtis joined the Topsfield church on July 19, 1685, and Sergt. Curtis (John Curtis, Sen.) was admitted August 29, 1714.

Sergt. Curtis made his will on March 19, 1717/8, and it was probated on April 16, 1718. He left his estate to his wife Mary, sons Samuel, John, Thomas and Ephraim, daughters Sarah Smith, Elizabeth Gould, Hannah Gould, Rebecca Smith, Phebe Towne, Abigail Towne, Mary Kenney and Hepsibah Curtis, and his granddaughters Hannah Smith and Martha Gould, the latter of whom was directed to live with her grandmother until she was eighteen years old. Samuel was named as his father's executor.‡

The widow Mary Curtis survived until August 23, 1745, when she died at Topsfield "in her 98th year."

* Essex Probate, No. 6941.
† Records and Files, etc., V : 215.
‡ Essex Probate, 312 : 298.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

5. i. JOHN, b. Oct. 11, 1673.
ii. SARAH, b. March 17, 1675/6; m. Samuel Smith of Salem May 12, 1696; her father presented her daughter Hannah for baptism in Topsfield in 1704.

Children, bapt. in Topsfield:—

1. *Sarah Smith,* bapt. May 23, 1697.
2. *Mary Smith,* bapt. Aug. 2, 1702.
3. *Hannah Smith,* "granddaughter of Corporal Curtis," bapt. Aug. 6, 1704.

iii. MARY, b. Dec. 27, 1677; m. (1) as his second wife, Henry Kenney, son of Henry and Anne Kenney of Salem, Sept. 18, 1714; he was b. May 1, 1669, in Salem; by his first wife, Priscilla Lewis, whom he m. May 16, 1691, he had eight children baptized in Salem; they were of Sutton, Suffolk County, in 1727,* and he d. there Nov. 2, 1731; she m. (2) John Singletary July 15, 1735, and d. March 8, 1735/6, *s. p.*
iv. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 15, 1679; m. Zacheus[3] Gould, son of Capt. John[2] and Sarah (Baker) Gould Jan. 21, 1701/2; he was b. March 26, 1672, and d. April 29, 1739; she d. June 21, 1740.

Children, b. in Topsfield:—

1. *Elizabeth Gould,* b. Feb. 13, 1702/3; m. Edmund Towne March 29, 1733.
2. *Mary Gould,* b. March 11, 1704/5; m. Jacob Robinson Sept. 23, 1731.
3. *Priscilla Gould,* b. Aug. 4, 1707; m. Samuel[3] Smith, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Curtis) Smith, her cousin, May 27, 1734. (*See Smith.*)
4. *John Gould,* b. Jan. 29, 1709/10; m. Esther (Giles) (Taylor) Bixby Jan. 5, 1748/9; representative to the General Court and to the Provincial Congress in 1778.
5. *Sarah Gould;* b. Jan. 28, 1711/2; m. Isaac Estey Nov. 1, 1743.
6. *Abigail Gould,* b. Aug. 12, 1715; m. Jonathan Stanley Aug. 2, 1737.
7. *Zacheus Gould,* b. Nov. 7, 1717; m. Rebecca Symonds Nov. 4, 1745.
8. *Eleazer Gould,* b. March 29, 1720; m. his cousin Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Curtis) Smith, April 17, 1740; served in the expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point in 1758.
9. *Susanna Gould,* b. Feb. 11, 1722/3; m. her cousin Robert Smith of Leominster, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Curtis) Smith, Feb. 28, 1744.

6. v. THOMAS, b. Dec. 2, 1681.
vi. ABIGAIL; m. Joseph[3] Towne, son of Joseph[2] and Phebe (Perkins) Towne, Nov. 5, 1707, as his second wife; he was b. March 22, 1673, and m. (1) Margaret Case of Salem Nov. 9, 1699; Abigail (Curtis) Towne d. March 8, 1729; he m. (3) Mary Mower of Lynn Feb. 21, 1730/1; he d. May 28, 1757.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

1. *Elisha Towne,* b. Sept. 5, 1708.

* Essex Deeds, 74 : 256.

2. *Bartholomew Towne,* b. May 10, 1710.
3. *Mary Towne,* b. Feb. 18, 1712.
4. *David Towne,* b. Feb. 13, 1715.
5. *Abigail Towne,* b. May 3, 1716.
6. *Hannah Towne,* b. Feb. 15, 1720.
7. *Martha Towne,* b. Aug. 25, 1722.
8. *Sarah Towne,* b. April 2, 1726.
9. *Jonathan Towne,* b. Sept. 6, 1728.

vii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 12, 1685/6; m. John[3] Gould, son of Capt. John and Sarah (Baker) Gould, Feb. 2, 1708/9; d. April 25, 1712; he m. (2) Phebe Towne June 23, 1715.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

1. *Martha Gould,* b. Nov. 6, 1709; by the will of her grandfather, Corporal John Curtis, she was directed to live with her grandmother until she was eighteen years old; m. (1) John Pritchard of Topsfield Sept. 23, 1729; m. (2) Samuel Perkins Sept. 17, 1761.
2. *Mary Gould,* b. Jan. 2, 1710/1; m. Lieut. Thomas Gould June 30, 1731.
3. *John Gould* (twin), b. April 9, 1712; d. April 18, 1712.
4. *Hannah Gould* (twin), b. April 9, 1712; m. Samuel Marston July 9, 1732.

viii. REBECCA, b. Jan. 20, 1687/8; m. Samuel[2] Smith, son of Robert[1] and Mary (French) Smith of Topsfield Jan. 25, 1707/8. (*See Smith.*)

ix. PHEBE, b. March 2, 1689/90; m. Nathan[4] Towne, son of Joseph[3] and Amy (Smith) Towne, Dec. 31, 1713; lived in Boxford and Andover; d. Jan. 5, 1762.

Children:—

1. *Phebe Towne,* b. July 14, 1714.
2. *Catherine Towne,* b. July 23, 1716; m. Joseph[4] Curtis, Oct. 4, 1738.
3. *Joseph Towne,* b. April 11, 1718.
4. *Nathan Towne,* b. April 25, 1720.
5. *Solomon Towne,* b. May 15, 1722; d. Sept. 18, 1738.
6. *Jonathan Towne,* b. Oct. 19, 1724.
7. *Anna Towne,* b. March 28, 1727; m. Timothy McIntire.
8. *Asa Towne,* b. Aug. 25, 1729.
9. *Aaron Towne,* b. July 25, 1734.

7. x. EPHRAIM, bapt. Aug. 28, 1692; living in 1717.

xi. HEPSIBAH, b. Nov. 28, 1694; m. Dr. Daniel Felch Jan. 12, 1725/6, in Salem; he was a son of Henry Felch of Reading, where he was b. Jan. 5, 1668; she was his third wife, the first being Deborah Dean of Charlestown whom he m. May 6, 1702, and the second being Sarah ———, whom he m. about 1716; Dr. Felch practiced medicine in Amesbury, Hampton and Seabrook, in which latter town he d. Oct. 5, 1752.

Children:—

1. *Curtis Felch.*
2. *Joseph Felch.*
3. *Sarah Felch;* d. Jan. 13, 1808, aged eighty-one.
4. *Samuel Felch;* m. Jemima Cilley Jan. 1, 1755.
5. *Hannah Felch,* b. Oct. 24, 1731; d. May 14, 1746.
6. *Henry Felch,* b. July 20, 1735; d. June 27, 1807.

8. xii. SAMUEL, b. May 31, 1698.

4. EPHRAIM[2] CURTIS (*Zacheus*[1]) received the paternal farm by his father's will, and was appointed administrator of the estate. He married Elizabeth Kilborne, daughter of George and Elizabeth Kilborne of Rowley, September 6, 1693. He was one of the selectmen of Boxford in 1694.

His estate was administered by his nephew, John Curtis of Topsfield, who received his appointment on April 30, 1716, and returned an inventory of £522: 14: 6 on May 14 of that year. The bulk of this property consisted of the homestead, barns, orchard and two hundred and twenty acres of land. The administrator disposed of portions of the real estate in 1718 and 1719.* The remainder was divided in 1719 among Ephraim's children, two-sixths being apportioned to his nephew, James Curtis, who had purchased the rights of the eldest son, Ephraim, and one-sixth each to Ebenezer, Isaac and Jacob Curtis and William Iles, husband of Elizabeth Curtis.† As no arrangement was made for her dower, it seems that Elizabeth (Kilborne) Curtis died before 1719.

Children: —

i. ELIZABETH, bapt. June 24, 1694, in Topsfield; m. William Iles Nov. 10, 1719.

Children: —

1. *Elizabeth Iles,* bapt. Aug. 28, 1720; m. Benjamin[4] Curtis (Thomas[3], John[2], Zacheus[1]), int. July 28, 1744.
2. *William Iles,* bapt. April 1, 1722; m. Martha Booth, 1744.
3. *John Iles,* bapt. July 26, 1724.

ii. EPHRAIM, bapt. July 26, 1696; was a husbandman in Boxford in 1719, when he sold his claims on his father's estate to his cousin James Curtis for £125;‡ m. (1) Ruth Killam in Boxford March 25, 1725; removed to Woburn, Middlesex County; m. (2) Lydia Farley of Woburn Jan. 13, 1742; living in 1756 when he receipted for a legacy from his son's estate.

Child: —

1. *Ebenezer;* made his will Nov. 20, 1755, stating that he resided in Boxford, and mentioning his "honored father Ephraim Curtis" his aunt Sarah Killam, "who brought me up from a child," Ebenezer Killam and Hannah, his wife, "who now takes care of me." The aunt Sarah Killam was probably Sarah (Maxcey) wife

* Essex Deeds, 35 : 105; 36 : 54.
† Essex Probate, 311 : 377; 312 : 323; 313 : 441-4.
‡ Essex Deeds, 37 : 112.

of Thomas and mother of Ebenezer Killam. John Gould of Topsfield, the executor, proved the will March 8, 1756.

iii. MARY, b. Jan. 2, 1698/9, in Boxford; d. before 1719.

iv. JACOB, bapt. June 1, 1701; apprenticed to Samuel Clark of York, Maine, carpenter, and was practicing his trade there in 1722 when he sold land in Boxford to his brother Ephraim;* served under Col. Westbrook against the Eastern Indians, 1722-5; m. Abigail Bracy, daughter of William and Mary (Marston) Bracy of York Dec. 4, 1726; moved to Arundel where he d. April 4, 1776; his widow was living in 1791.

Children:—

1. *Jacob,* b. July 2, 1727; d. in infancy.
2. *Bracy;* d. "in the French War."
3. *Mary;* m. Dixey Stone May 15, 1750.
4. *Hannah;* m. Jedediah Wakefield, int. Oct. 15, 1748.
5. *Phebe;* m. Moses Banks Nov., 1754.
6. *Elizabeth;* m. Asa Durrell.
7. *Abigail,* bapt. Feb. 8, 1746/7, in Wells.
8. *Charity;* m. John Lord.
9. *Jacob,* b. April 10, 1746.
10. *John.*

v. ISAAC, bapt. June 1, 1701; a housewright of Cape Porpoise, Maine, in 1730, when he sold twenty acres of land in Boxford to his brother Ebenezer;† m. Hannah (Dwinell) Bowery Oct. 5, 1733, in Topsfield; moved to Biddeford, Maine, in 1736; d. between 1769 and 1776, the respective dates of the making and proving of his will.

Children:—

1. *Isaac;* m. Olive Benson in 1760.
2. *Bowery.*
3. *Ephraim;* m. Rhoda Smith of Biddeford, int. July 20, 1770.
4. *Hannah;* m. Stephen Joy of Biddeford May 17, 1770.

vi. EBENEZER, bapt. Aug. 31, 1707; cordwainer of Bradford in 1729; m. Elizabeth Palmer Nov. 14, 1729; returned to Boxford about 1730.

Children, born in Boxford:—

1. *Jacob,* b. March 10, 1730; m. Mary Stiles May 26, 1752, Mt. Vernon, N. H.
2. *Sarah,* b. Aug. 16, 1731; d. Oct. 11, 1748.
3. *Abner,* bapt. Nov. 11, 1733, in Topsfield.
4. *Elizabeth,* b. Jan. 7, 1735/6; d. Oct. 13, 1747.
5. *Hannah,* b. Jan. 31, 1738/9; d. Oct. 13, 1747.
6. *Stephen,* b. April 21, 1742; d. Oct. 15, 1747.
7. *Ephraim,* bapt. Feb. 16, 1745/6, in Topsfield.
8. *Lydia,* b. May 14, 1747.
9. *Bethia,* b. May 28, 1753.

5. JOHN[3] CURTIS (*John*[2], *Zacheus*[1]) was born in Topsfield October 11, 1673. He married (1) Priscilla Gould, daughter

* Essex Deeds, 41 : 20.
† Essex Deeds, 68 : 26.

of Capt. John and Sarah (Baker) Gould April 15, 1695. She was born in Topsfield November 2, 1674, and died June 16, 1715. He married (2) Joanna ——— about 1720.

He served Topsfield as constable in 1710/1, as tythingman in 1721, as fence viewer and surveyor of highways at various dates, and was frequently a member of the Topsfield committee which perambulated the bounds of the town, after the old English parish custom.

John Curtis died February 23, 1732/3. Administration on his estate was granted to his son Nathaniel on March 16, 1732, with George Bixby and Jacob Reddington as sureties, and an inventory of £525: 16: 10 was returned.* Dower was set off to the widow Joanna Curtis in 1733. She survived until about 1765, the town records showing that her taxes were abated from 1760 to 1762.

Children, by first wife: —

i. Priscilla, b. Jan. 27, 1695/6; m. Joshua Hopkins, Jr., of Eastham, son of Joshua and Mary (Cole) Hopkins, Oct. 1, 1724; he was b. Feb. 20, 1697/8; cordwainer and farmer; she d. in 1772; he d. Jan. 30, 1780, and left his property to his children and grandchildren by will, giving her freedom to his negro slave "Bess."

Children, born in Eastham: —

1. *Joshua Hopkins,* b. July 18, 1725.
2. *Priscilla Hopkins,* b. June 7, 1728; d. unmarried in 1818.
3. *Hannah Hopkins,* b. July 30, 1729; d. in infancy.

ii. John, b. April 16, 1697; d. Aug. 27, 1698.

iii. Nathaniel, b. March 13, 1698/9; m. Experience ———; administrator of his father's estate; he seems to have left Topsfield in 1735 when he sold land inherited from his father to George Bixby.†

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Priscilla,* bapt. June 3, 1733, in Topsfield.
2. *Nathaniel,* bapt. Dec. 15, 1734, in Topsfield.

iv. Lydia, b. April 8, 1701; m. Thomas[4] Perkins, son of Zacheus and Rebecca Perkins of Topsfield, May 8, 1746, as his second wife; her sisters Priscilla Hopkins, Mary Hubbard and Sarah Holgate deeded her their shares in their father's estate in 1746;‡ she d. Sept. 6, 1750, *s. p.*

v. Mary, b. Jan. 22, 1702/3; m. (1) Isaac How of Falmouth Jan. 14, 1730/1; he d. of smallpox in Nov., 1731; she m. (2) Aaron Hubbard of Chelmsford June 1, 1733; he d. Sept. 7, 1751, in Topsfield; she d. May 13, 1772, "an aged woman who died very suddenly."

* Essex Probate, 321 : 32.
† Essex Deeds, 70 : 50.
‡ Essex Deeds, 95 : 256.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

1. *Mary Hubbard,* b. July 9, 1734.
2. *Mary Hubbard,* bapt. Aug. 13, 1736; m. William Hood Aug. 27, 1754.
3. *Lydia Hubbard,* bapt. May 14, 1738; d. Aug. 12, 1738.
4. *Elnathan Hubbard,* b. June 12, 1740.
5. *John Hubbard,* b. Sept. 24, 1743.

vi. SARAH, b. July 4, 1705; d. Oct. 24, 1712.
vii. HANNAH (twin), b. Jan. 8, 1712; d. Oct. 24, 1712.
viii. SARAH (twin), b. Jan. 8, 1712; m. (1) Michael Holdgate June 6, 1734; m. (2) Jacob How of Ipswich May 15, 1759.

Children, bapt. in Topsfield: —

1. *Asa Holdgate,* bapt. Oct. 4, 1741.
2. *Hannah Holdgate,* bapt. Oct. 4, 1741; d. young.
3. *Mary Holdgate,* bapt. Jan. 24, 1741/2; d. young.
4. *Sarah Holdgate,* bapt. April 15, 1744; d. young.
5. *Priscilla Holdgate,* bapt. July 5, 1747; m. Jonathan Orne of Marblehead Oct. 20, 1768.
6. *Mary Holdgate,* bapt. Sept. 3, 1749; d. June 22, 1761.
7. *Sarah Holdgate,* bapt. Aug. 5, 1753.
8. *Hannah Holdgate,* bapt. March 17, 1754.

Child, by second wife: —

ix. JOHN, b. July 16, 1721; d. before Feb. 4, 1739, when administration was granted to his sister Lydia Curtis, spinster.* Administration *de bonis non* was granted to his mother Joanna Curtis March 4, 1750.†

6. THOMAS[3] CURTIS (*John*[2], *Zacheus*[1]) was born December 2, 1681, in Topsfield. He married Phebe[4] Gould, daughter of John[3] and Phebe (French) Gould, October 16, 1706. They moved from Topsfield to the adjoining town of Middleton. His will, dated May 15, 1752, and proved February 19, 1753, mentions his wife Phebe, sons Israel, Amos, Thomas, John, David and Benjamin, daughters Hannah Bailey and Rebecca Case, and his granddaughter Phebe Elliot, daughter of his daughter Phebe, deceased.‡

Children, born in Andover, bapt. in Topsfield: —

i. THOMAS, bapt. July, 1708; living in 1752.
ii. JOHN, bapt. March 26, 1710; m. Hepsibah Hale Jan. 16, 1732/3; living in 1752.
iii. PHEBE, bapt. March 23, 1711/2; m. Ebenezer Berry Sept. 3, 1730, in Middleton; she d. before 1752.

Children, born in Middleton: —

1. *Samuel Berry,* b. July 17, 1731.
2. *Phebe Berry,* b. Oct. 2, 1732.
3. *William Berry,* b. Sept. 13, 1735.

* Essex Probate, 323 : 27; 324 : 319.
† Essex Probate, 329 : 494.
‡ Essex Probate, 331 : 170.

4. *Elizabeth Berry,* b. Feb. 13, 1738.
5. *Elizabeth Berry,* b. March 21, 1741.
6. *Ebenezer Berry,* b. Nov. 19, 1746.
7. *William Berry,* b. Nov. 9, 1749.

iv. HANNAH, b. June 16, 1714; m. (1) Stephen Wilkins Aug. 24, 1732, in Middleton; he d. April 1, 1742, aged "thirty od years & sum days"; she m. (2) Jonathan Bailey June 20, 1743.

Children, by first husband:—

1. *Phebe Wilkins,* b. May 17, 1734.
2. *Stephen Wilkins,* b. Dec. 17, 1736.
3. *Andrew Wilkins,* b. May 16, 1739.
4. *Hannah Wilkins,* b. Oct. 19, 1741.

By second husband:—

5. *Lucy Bailey,* b. March 7, 1743/4.
6. *Thomas Bailey,* b. April 9, 1746.

v. ISRAEL, b. April 28, 1719; m. Abigail Putnam April 25, 1744; his will, dated Oct. 2, 1773, and probated April 2, 1776, mentions his "present wife" Abigail, his sons Eli, Dudley and Israel, and his daughters Ruth Peabody, Sarah Curtis and Betty Curtis; he owned an interest in the Middleton Library.*

Children, born in Middleton:—

1. *Ruth,* b. Feb. 17, 1744/5; m. Andrew Peabody Dec. 13, 1769.
2. *Eli,* b. Oct. 27, 1745 (6?); m. Susanna Wilkins, April 12, 1773.
3. *Andrew,* b. Feb. 27, 1749; d. before 1773.
4. *Dudley,* b. Feb. 12, 1751; m. Sarah Marble July 16, 1777.
5. *Israel,* b. Oct. 20, 1754; m. Elizabeth Wilkins Sept. 2, 1779.
6. *Levi,* b. Nov. 12, 1756; d. before 1773.
7. *Sarah,* b. Feb. 25, 1759.
8. *Betty,* b. June 22, 1764; m. Daniel Barnard of Andover July 2, 1786.

vi. DAVID, bapt. March 11, 1721/2; living in 1752.

vii. BENJAMIN, bapt. Oct. 25, 1724; m. his second cousin Elizabeth Iles, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Curtis) Iles, Aug. 23, 1744.

Children:—

1. *Elizabeth,* b. March 4, 1744/5.
2. *Huldah,* b. Dec. 14, 1746; m. her cousin Asa Case, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Curtis) Case, July 1, 1777.
3. *Mary,* b. Nov. 30, 1748.
4. *Benjamin,* m. Lydia Iles Nov. 22, 1779.
5. *Stephen,* bapt. March 31, 1754.

viii. AMOS, bapt. Sept., 1727; m. (1) Rebecca Poor of Andover at Andover March 28, 1749; she d. July 9, 1751, aged twenty-three; he m. (2) Hannah Nichols Jan. 8, 1752.

* Essex Probate, 351 : 517.

Child, by first wife: —

1. *Rebecca,* b. Jan. 21, 1749/50; d. June 1, 1750.

By second wife: —

2. *Hannah,* b. April 3, 1753; m. Cyrus Stiles April 4, 1781.
3. *Amos,* b. May 24, 1754; m. Betty Putnam Dec. 7, 1780.
4. *Rebecca,* b. Dec. 1, 1755; m. John White June 26, 1777.
5. *Rachel,* b. May 17, 1757; m. Joseph White Jan. 2, 1794.
6. *Phebe,* b. Aug. 6, 1760; m. Isaiah Ingalls Sept. 4, 1783.
7. *Mehitable,* b. May 11, 1763; m. Edmond Herrick May 21, 1786.

ix. Rebecca; m. Ebenezer Case, int. Mach 13, 1735/6, in Salem.

Children, bapt. in Middleton: —

1. *Mary Case,* bapt. 1740; m. Joseph Ring of Danvers June 1, 1760.
2. *Eunice Case,* bapt. 1745; m. William Nichols of Reading Sept. 29, 1774.
3. *Asa Case,* bapt. Sept. 2, 1750; m. his cousin Huldah[5] Curtis, daughter of Benjamin[4] and Elizabeth (Iles) Curtis, July 1, 1777.
4. *Humphrey Case,* bapt. July 13, 1755; m. Elizabeth Upton Jan. 20, 1775.

8. Samuel[3] Curtis (*John*[2], *Zacheus*[1]) was born in Topsfield May 31, 1698. He married Hannah Dodge of Beverly June 15, 1720. They lived in Topsfield until 1748 when they moved to the town of Oxford, Worcester County, Hannah Curtis being dismissed from the Topsfield church to that of Oxford on March 12 of that year.

Curtis bought a tract of two hundred acres in his new location and from 1749 to 1751 he kept an inn there. In 1750 he deeded fifty acres to his son Samuel, and in 1752 he gave the remaining one hundred and fifty acres to his son Noah, reserving one-half of his house. The historian of Oxford says that the Curtis family left the town at about the time of the Revolution.

Flora, the Curtis's negro "servant-child," was baptized in Topsfield in 1741.

Children, born in Topsfield: —

i. Hannah, b. July 14, 1722.
ii. Rebecca, b. March 9, 1723/4; d. Dec. 3, 1726.
iii. Mary, b. June 8, 1726; m. Amos Singletary Sept. 6, 1742. He was a son of John and Mary Singletary of Sutton, and a step-son of Mary Curtis's aunt, Mary (Curtis) (Kenney) Singletary. Squire Singletary, as he was called, was a man of wealth and more than local prominence, serving in the General Court in 1775, 1777, 1778, 1780, 1781 and 1787, and as a delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775. Mary (Curtis) Singletary d. June 28, 1799, and the death of Hon. Amos Singletary is recorded Oct. 30, 1806, when his age was eighty-five years.

Children, born in Sutton:—

1. *Greely Singletary* (daughter), b. Aug. 15, 1743.
2. *John Singletary,* b. March 17, 1745.
3. *Mary Singletary,* b. June 10, 1747.
4. *Mehitable Singletary,* b. March 13, 1749.
5. *Hannah Singletary,* b. March 15, 1753.
6. *Azubah Singletary* (daughter), b. Dec. 9, 1754.
7. *Amos Singletary,* b. March 11, 1757.
8. *Richard Singletary,* b. Nov. 9, 1760.
9. *Elizabeth Singletary,* bapt. May 31, 1761.
10. *Thankful Singletary,* b. Oct. 30, 1762.
11. *Lydia Singletary,* bapt. Nov. 15, 1767.

iv. Samuel, b. Feb. 26, 1727/8; m. Mary Town Sept. 19, 1751; sold his Oxford land to Uriah Stone in 1757, and settled in Charlton.

Children (probably others):—

1. *Samuel;* m. Mary Putney of Dudley, int. March 8, 1776.
2. *Sabra,* b. Feb. 28, 1759, in Charlton; m. John Edwards Dec. 30, 1778.
3. *Tamar,* b. July 16, 1761; m. Moses Axdell, March 30, 1779.
4. *Jared,* b. Jan. 28, 1764; m. Phebe Putney of Dudley, int. Nov. 8, 1783.
5. *Mary,* bapt. Sept. 27, 1766.
6. *Jason,* bapt. Oct. 21, 1770.
7. *Peter,* bapt. Aug. 1, 1775.

v. Noah, b. May 28, 1731; m. Elizabeth ———; in 1753 he deeded back to his father the land in Oxford given him the year before, and also released all claims on his father's estate.

vi. Rachel, b. March 18, 1732/3; m. John Wiley June 18, 1752; he served in the French War in 1759; they probably removed to Providence, Rhode Island.

Children:—

1. *Reuben Wiley,* b. Dec. 27, 1752, in Oxford.
2. *Susanna Wiley,* b. March 9, 1755.

vii. Eunice, b. Jan. 15, 1736; m. Nehemiah Houghton of Sturbridge Dec. 19, 1759.

viii. Elijah, b. July 7, 1737; m. Elizabeth Sparhawk Oct. 21, 1760, in Sutton; he served in the French War in 1759.

ix. John, b. April 15, 1741.

x. Rebecca, b. March 7, 1742/3.

VI

LOOKE, OF LYNN AND BOXFORD

LOOKE

1. Thomas Looke, born about 1627, was probably one of the original employees of John Bex & Company sent from England to establish the Iron Works at Hammersmith in Lynn in 1643, and for all of his recorded life he was connected with mining operations, first at Lynn and later at Rowley Village. His first appearance on the records is in 1646 when a son was born to him and his wife Mary. Because the name Luke is not unknown in Scotland and because many later workmen at the Iron Works were Scotch prisoners sent to America after the battle of Dunbar in 1651, a Scotch origin has been assigned to Thomas Looke, but no certainty can be claimed for it as the name was also found in seventeenth-century England and no clues to his British home have survived.

Looke's principal occupation at the Iron Works was that of collier; that is, he prepared the charcoal used in smelting the ore. Odd jobs seem also to have been in his province. The records of the Quarterly Courts contain the following items which concern him:—

"To ye acco. of Thomas Loocke one dayes Worke himselfe and his mann about ye furnace Beeme." Sept., 1653.

"To ye acco. of Thomas Loocke Coalleing of 156 Loades with Tho. Keltoun at 5s. 6d. per Load . . . £42, 18s." Sept., 1653.

The estates of Thomas Looke and Joseph James of Lynn were distrained by the constable for their striking Matthew Farnsworth. June, 1655.

Thomas Looke (his mark) testified in an Iron Works suit. March, 1656.

Thomas Looke, collier, aged about thirty-one, testified, in June, 1658, that he had a Scot (doubtless one of the unfortunate prisoners) in his employ for three years, agreeing to give the man food and clothing and to pay the company five pounds a year for his service.

Thomas Looke acknowledged judgment to Mr. John Gedney, Nov., 1659.

Joseph Armitage v. Thomas Looke, Debt. for wheeling in 900 cords of wood. Forfeited. Nov., 1660.

John Hathorne v. Thomas Look. Debt, for withholding five pounds on a cow. Nov., 1660.

Joseph Armitage v. Thomas Looke. Debt. The defendant's dwelling-house and his property in the hands of Mr. Purchase attached. 1661.

Edmond Batter v. Thomas Looke, Debt. Nov., 1670.

Looke was still making coal at Lynn in 1673, but in the following year he deserted the Hammersmith Iron Works and moved to Rowley Village, where another mine was having a somewhat precarious career, under the management of Henry Leonard and the ownership of an Ipswich and Topsfield group of associates. At about this time the Rowley Village plant was burned and in a resulting suit Thomas Baker testified that Goodman Looke was faithful and trusty, that he said that he had two weeks work engaged in mowing and that then he would go to the works, and that Looke was not present when the works burned. This case was tried in July, 1675. The venture was abandoned, but Looke and his family remained in the village.

The dates of death of Thomas Looke and his wife Mary are not recorded.

Children, born in Lynn: —

2. i. THOMAS, b. 4th mo. 1646.
   ii. SARA, b. 12: 1: 1648.
3. iii. JONATHAN, b. 5th mo: 1651.
   iv. MARY, b. 5th mo: 1654; m. Corporal John[2] Curtis, son of Zacheus[1] and Joanna Curtis of Topsfield, Dec. 4, 1674, in Topsfield. (*See Curtis.*)
   v. ELIZABETH, b. 3d mo: 1656; m. John[2] Kenny, son of Henry[1] and Ann Kenny of Salem, June 17, 1675, in Salem; lived in Topsfield.

Children (possibly others): —

1. *John Kenny,* b. March 25, 1676, in Salem.
2. *Elizabeth Kenny,* b. Feb. 6, 1677/8, in Salem.
3. *Mary Kenny,* b. Nov. 25, 1683, in Topsfield.
4. *Rachel Kenny,* b. April 1, 1685.
5. *Samuel Kenny,* b. Oct. 15, 1687.
6. *Lydia Kenny,* b. July 15, 1690.
7. *Sarah Kenny,* b. Nov. 4, 1694.
8. *Nathan Kenny,* b. Dec. 1, 1696.
9. *Thomas Kenny,* b. Nov. 15, 1700.

vi. EXPERIENCE; m. Samuel Tarbox, son of John Tarbox of Lynn, as his second wife, Oct. 16, 1678; his first wife, who d. in March, 1677, was Rebecca Armitage; he d. Aug. 16, 1715; she d. at Wenham, where her gravestone is still standing, March 2, 1738, aged eighty-five.

Children: —

1. *Experience Tarbox,* b. Sept. 10, 1679.
2. *Joanna Tarbox,* b. March 12, 1681.
3. *Thomas Tarbox,* b. June 8, 1684.
4. *Joseph Tarbox,* b. Jan. 8, 1686.
5. *Elizabeth Tarbox,* b. Jan. 8, 1686.
6. *Benjamin Tarbox,* b. Jan. 23, 1686/7.

7. *Mary Tarbox,* b. Jan. 20, 1689.
8. *Samuel Tarbox,* b. 1693.
9. *Ebenezer Tarbox,* b. Aug. 1, 1695.
10. *Mehitable Tarbox,* b. June 12, 1697.
11. *Joseph Tarbox,* b. March 6, 1699.

2. THOMAS[2] LOOKE (*Thomas*[1]) was born in Lynn in 1646. Through his father's partnership with Richard Swain, one of the original proprietors of Nantucket, the younger Looke settled on that island about the year 1670, and there he married Elizabeth Bunker, daughter of George and Jane (Godfrey) Bunker of Topsfield and stepdaughter of Richard Swain, with whom he had gone to Nantucket. They remained on Nantucket until 1685 or 1686, when they moved to Tisbury on Martha's Vineyard where Look purchased a farm and a water power and mill privilege on the stream called the Tiasquam. He was a miller for the remainder of his life and his descendants carried on his trade on the same spot for the greater part of a century. He was a selectman in 1681 and 1695, deputy-sheriff of the county in 1699, and filled the usual minor offices from time to time. His will, dated December 4, 1725, was probated in January, 1726.

Children, born on Nantucket:—

i. EXPERIENCE, b. Nov. 22, 1672; m. her first cousin, Stephen Coffin, son of Stephen and Mary (Bunker) Coffin, Sept. 21, 1693.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 28, 1675; m. James Cottle, son of Edward and Judith Cottle of Salisbury and Nantucket; living in 1742.
iii. SARAH, b. April 3, 1678; m. Henry Luce, son of Henry Luce of Scituate, Rehoboth and Tisbury; living at the date of his will, March 6, 1737/8.
iv. JANE, b. Dec. 24, 1680; m. (1) John Cottle, brother of her sister Elizabeth's husband; he d. Oct. 30, 1705; she m. (2) Abner West of Tisbury, son of Dr. Thomas and Elizabeth West, Nov. 17, 1707; d. in 1765 at Rochester, Mass.
v. PATIENCE; m. Jonathan Lewes, son of George and Mary (Lumbard) Lewes of Barnstable Oct. 25, 1703; settled at Hyannis in 1711; he d. Dec. 11, 1743; she d. July 4, 1767; children named in his will were sons Jonathan, Melatiah and Lemuel, daughters Thankful Bacon, Bethia, Jean and Patience.
vi. SAMUEL, b. March, 1683; m. Thankful Lewis, daughter of George and Elizabeth Lewis of Barnstable, Oct. 19, 1704; ensign of the Tisbury military company; she d. Jan. 24, 1769; he d. Jan. 14, 1772.

Children, born in Tisbury:—

1. *Thomas,* b. Nov. 18, 1706.
2. *George,* b. Oct. 17, 1708.
3. *Seth,* b. Jan. 25, 1709/10.
4. *Daniel,* b. Sept. 29, 1711.
5. *Elijah,* b. Nov. 17, 1713.
6. *Thankful,* b. Feb. 6, 1715.
7. *Samuel,* b. Feb. 6, 1715.
8. *Stephen,* b. March 6, 1717.

9. *Noah,* b. Nov. 27, 1719.
10. *Mary,* b. Nov. 26, 1721.
11. *Job,* b. Jan. 26, 1725.

3. JONATHAN[2] LOOK (*Thomas*[1]) was born in Lynn in 1651. He married (1) Mary Curtis, daughter of Zacheus[1] and Joanna Curtis of Topsfield, November 19, 1678. (*See Curtis.*) Her previous marriage to John Heard had been annulled in 1677 and she had resumed her maiden name. Mary (Curtis) Looke died before 1693, when he had married (2) Elizabeth Wallingford, daughter of Nicholas Wallingford of Bradford.*

Jonathan Look was a soldier in the campaign against King Philip in 1676, when he was still living in Lynn. He moved to Rowley Village with his father, and he and his man were taxed in Topsfield in 1687 and 1688. He was of Rowley in 1734 when he made his will on August 21. He leaves legacies to his sons John and Israel, his daughters Deliverance Wooster, wife of Ebenezer Wooster, Sarah Emerson, wife of James Emerson, and Elizabeth Looke, his daughter-in-law Martha Looke and his granddaughter Martha Looke. This document was probated on April 16, 1736.†

Children, by first wife:—

i. DELIVERANCE, b. Dec. 13, 1679, in Topsfield; m. Ebenezer Wooster Nov. 19, 1706, in Rowley; he was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Parrott) Wooster and was b. in Bradford April 29, 1679; lived in Bradford, Littleton and Harvard, where he d. Feb. 4, 1764; she d. Jan. 23, 1768.

Children:—

1. *Jonathan Wooster.*
2. *Mary Wooster,* b. April 26, 1711.
3. *Susannah Wooster,* b. Feb. 1712/3.
4. *Hannah Wooster,* b. Dec. 13, 1717.
5. *Elizabeth Wooster,* b. 1721.
6. *Ebenezer Wooster.*

ii. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 24, 1681, in Topsfield; m. by Rev. Cotton Mather to Elizabeth May in Boston June 19, 1705; probably d. before 1734, as he was not mentioned in his father's will.

Child, born in Boston:—

1. *Mary,* b. May 8, 1706; a Mary Look of Boston and Nicholas Aberlin of Great Britain were m. in Boston Oct. 25, 1720.

iii. MARY, b. Feb. 8, 1683/4, in Topsfield; probably d. *s. p.* before 1734.
iv. JOHN, b. Aug. 25, 1690; cordwainer; bapt. in Wells, Maine, on profession of faith, April 4, 1714; m. Bethia Larrabee, daughter of William and Catherine (Ford) Larrabee of Wells; Larrabee mentions his daughter Bethia Look in his will in 1727; had a grant of land in Wells in 1719; he was living in Rowley in 1729 when he

* Essex Deeds, 12 : 57; 19 : 189.
† Essex Probate, 316 : 448, 476; 322 : 163.

and his wife Bethia sold land to Isaac Adams;* sergeant in Col. Storer's company in the Louisburg expedition in 1745.

Children:—

1. *Mary,* bapt. May 16, 1716, in Wells; m. Stephen Bailey, int. Jan. 24, 1735/6, at Newbury.
2. *Hannah,* bapt. in Byfield, Newbury, Sept. 4, 1726; pub. with Jabez Dorman of Arundel Dec. 28, 1739, again on Jan. 13, 1742/3, finally m. April 26, 1743.
3. *Ebenezer,* bapt. in Byfield, Newbury, Sept. 4, 1726.
4. *Sarah,* bapt. in Byfield, Newbury, Sept. 4, 1726.

By second wife:—

v. Thomas, b. Feb. 1, 1695/6, in Rowley; m. Martha Mooers in Newbury Feb. 13, 1716/7; d. before 1734, leaving widow Martha and at least one daughter, Martha, mentioned in his father's will.

Children:—

1. *Ann,* bapt. Aug., 1717, in Newbury.
2. *Martha,* bapt. Feb. 21, 1719/20, in Newbury.

vi. Sarah, b. Feb. 13, 1697/8, in Rowley; m. James Emerson, son of James and Sarah Emerson of Ipswich and Mendon Feb. 21, 1722, at Mendon; he d. at Uxbridge, where they settled, in 1747.

Children:—

1. *Sarah Emerson;* m. Micah Thayer, Feb. 2, 1757, at Uxbridge.
2. *James Emerson,* b. 1726; m. Elizabeth Emerson, int. Oct. 27, 1752, at Uxbridge.
3. *Jonathan Emerson,* b. Jan. 1, 1729; m. Sarah Marshall, int. Dec. 2, 1752, at Uxbridge.
4. *Abigail Emerson,* bapt. Sept. 17, 1732; m. Philip Cody, int. Aug. 12, 1754, at Uxbridge.

vii. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 5, 1700, in Rowley; living, unmarried, in 1734.

viii. Abigail, b. Dec. 16, 1703, in Rowley; d. before 1734, *s. p.*

ix. Israel, b. Dec. 7, 1704, in Rowley; tailor, living in Boston; m. (1) Mehitable Harrod (Harwood) July 9, 1728, in Boston; m. (2) Frances Ellsworth Feb. 15, 1753; his will, dated Jan. 21, 1764, and proved Oct. 21, 1768, leaves the entire income of his estate to his wife Frances for life, with a remainder after her death to his children Mehitable Hemingway, Elizabeth Look and Mary Look, and names his brother-in-law Mr. Benjamin Harrod sole executor; the inventory, amounting to £147, lists his house and land in Green Lane and four silver spoons, among other property.†

Children, born in Boston:—

1. *Jonathan,* b. July 28, 1729.
2. *John,* b. April 7, 1731.
3. *Israel,* b. Nov. 4, 1733.
4. *Thomas,* b. Jan. 20, 1737.
5. *Mehitable,* b. June 10, 1739; m. Joshua Hemingway Oct. 18, 1759.
6. *Elizabeth,* b. Aug. 14, 1741.
7. *Mary.*

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